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# I am a NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY demon.

# *Farewell* Dr. Henderson

*On Jan. 1, 2015, a love affair between Dr. Jim Henderson and NSU began.*

On March 27 at the Presidential Investiture, the love affair became official. New NSU president Jim Henderson walked up to the podium, accepted his purple robes and proclaimed his love and fealty with an official "fork'em, demons."

In simpler terms, Henderson was formally recognized as NSU's 18th president.

Twenty-one months after the love affair's impetus, NSU and Henderson's love was blossoming as purple demon emojis took over social media in a rampage.

But all good things must come to an end.

Vice President for the Student Experience Dr. Chris Maggio said he "knew 'this day' would be forthcoming" for Henderson, but "he hoped it wouldn't be as soon as it was."

On Oct. 3, everything changed. In an email sent to faculty and staff, Henderson announced that he was recommended to become the next president of the University of Louisiana (UL) System, which includes Northwestern and eight other schools in Louisiana.

"It is impossible for me to adequately express to each of you my appreciation for the role that you have played in creating this possibility for me to assume a position of expanded involvement in shaping the future of Northwestern and other schools in the University of Louisiana System," Henderson said in the email.

On Oct. 6, Henderson will drive to Baton Rouge to meet the Board of Supervisors of the UL System, and when he drives back, the decision will be final. Either the board will offer Henderson the presidency, which Henderson said he will accept, or a search committee will begin a new search for a nominee, as Henderson is the only nominee for the position.

If the position is approved, Henderson will begin his new presidency on Jan. 1, 2017, about a year after he heard of the vacant position.

"When the vacancy first occurred, I quickly said that it wasn't for me and not something that I wanted to do," Henderson said. "By late August, it started to dawn on me that there is an immense amount of work to do in Baton Rouge before we can start on the work here."

According to an article in The Times-Picayune, the TOPS funding for the Spring 2017 semester will drop to 42 percent, a steep drop from the 100 percent in the Fall 2016 semester.

However, Dean of Students Frances Conine said that "NSU has made a pledge" to "absorb the cost of what TOPS does not cover."

Henderson said that when he was a college student, the state funded about 70 percent of schooling. Now, the state funds less than 30 percent of the cost, and Henderson has "a big problem with that."

"As hard as we strive and as hard as our faculty works, until we get the right kind of leadership in Baton Rouge, we will not be able to give students the experience they deserve," Henderson said.

If Henderson is elected, NSU could have an interim president for the entire spring semester while a committee of board members, local interests and alumni, faculty members and student representatives review applications for a new NSU president.

The committee will bring the finalists on campus to meet with faculty, staff and students to ensure that the new president is a fit for the university.

"I think, [in the] long run, this going to be positive for the university," Maggio said. "We will have Dr. Henderson in a very prominent and influential role… and knowing the challenges and strengths of NSU will put him in a position where he will be able to help us."

**Submitted by *The Current Sauce***
**Story by Ashley Wolf and Jacob Farnsley**
**Photo by Megan Palmer**

On Oct. 6, Dr. Henderson was chosen as the president of the University of Louisiana System. Northwestern Demons will miss bumping into the #coolprez during his daily strolls around campus.

# WHERE *are they now?*

One of the biggest concerns that students have as they prepare for graduation is wondering what their next step is, whether they will be successful and how far their degree can really take them. This is true for all graduates, whether you graduate by the skin of your teeth or summa cum laude. Northwestern State University prepares students for anything life can throw at them, and gives them the necessary skills to succeed in the real world. The Potpourri tracked down alumni doing interesting and incredible things across the nation to prove that a degree from NSU gives students endless opportunities if they have the drive to do what it takes for them to reach their goals. From Nacogdoches to Pensacola, from Washington, D. C. to Brooklyn, New York, NSU demons are out making a name for themselves. Our slogan, "Dedicated to one goal. Yours." certainly rings true for these alumni.

**Ashleigh Wright, Editor-In-Chief**
**Photos submitted**

## Brooklyn, New York

Alexis Reliford is a magazine writer and editor based in New York City. The Natchitoches native's writing has appeared in numerous magazines including Health, SELF, ESSENCE and Ebony. The former Potpourri editor has also interviewed a host of female entrepreneurs, actressesmusicians, including Golden Globe-winning actress Viola Davis. Day-to-day her job involves managing social media, scouring the internet for trending news, attending industry events and discussing Beyoncé with her colleagues.

## Washington, D.C.

Kip Patrick, co-founder of service organization [1 of 7], makes his home in the nation's capitol. He is currently the director of Global Communications at Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, a partnership hosted by the UN Foundation that aims to provide clean and efficient cookstoves in developing countries. Patrick has traveled to over 70 countries, and his articles have been featured in CNN, Men's Journal, and National Geographic.



## Nacogdoches, Texas

Cayla Mendow, a recent graduate, is a first year Master of Fine Arts candidate at Northwestern's rival school, Stephen F. Austin. She is currently working as a graduate assistant designing advertisting material for art, music and theater events sponsored by the school.

## Pensacola, Florida

Northwestern State University alumnus Dillon Roy was part of a team of student/staff field archaeologists from the University of West Florida that discovered a shipwreck near Pensacola, Florida, last year. Roy was among the divers who discovered the ship, Emanuel Point III, covered with sand in seven feet of water.

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# I am a STUDENT

# #BRINGTHEHEAT

## *Rally for Higher Education in Baton Rouge*

Students across the state marched to Baton Rouge to fight for TOPS, the Taylor Opportunity Program for students. For Louisiana natives, the importance of making good grades in school was heavily stressed by the incentive to earn TOPS, which promised to pay their college tuition if the appropriate GPA and ACT scores were earned. However, in the spring of 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards announced that TOPS would be reduced, or worst case scenario, eliminated completely to compensate for the state's hefty budget crisis. Fully funded, TOPS costs the state $298 million. Edwards proposed making a $182.2 million cut for the following fall and spring, leaving a mere $110 million in the TOPS budget.

Students were infuriated with the state's proposal to put education on the backburner, saying if there was one thing Louisiana truly needs, it's education. Instead of sitting back and watching the media broadcast the tragic loss of TOPS, students decided to take matters into their own hands. Students from several Louisiana school systems marched to the Capitol steps and demanded to be heard. The governor, some senators and school presidents spoke and stressed the importance of TOPS and higher education in their lives. The trip was topped off with a special conference for NSU students and a tour of the Capitol. Despite the windy, frigid air and the long hours of the rally, the Demon pride didn't stop when each school screamed their chants and Northwestern's was the loudest, most spirited one.

"It was one of the most fun experiences and made me really appreciate my education and realize how lucky I am to go to a school that's so personal," Jenni Arabie, sophomore, said. "Even though it's so small, we have so many opportunities."

"It was cool to see everyone unified together to bring awareness to a cause that we all believed in," SGA Speaker of the Senate, Htet Htet Rodgers, junior, said. "Each student knew that financial aid is necessary for every student, and we wanted the legislators to understand that as well."

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**
**Ashley Wolf, Photographer**

Governor John Bell Edwards addresses students' concerns about TOPS on the steps of the state capitol building.

Ragan Aple, sophomore, and other students show Demon pride at the Bring Higher Education All Together (H.E.A.T.) Rally in Baton Rouge.

# 2016 DEMONFEST

## Studentsenjoymusic+artsfestivalcohostedbyKNWDandSAB

Student band Kopacetic takes the stage for DemonFest 2016 with Sheldon Busby, Beau Voinche, Grace Brumfield, Chuck Gallaher and Jacob Bryant.

From left to right, Christian Loredo, Alex Benson, Jessica Cross, Chase Stephens and Dustin Cormier, seniors, play card games and visit on their blanket while waitng for the next band to start.

Top-forty recording artist and DemonFest headliner, Wale, thorws water on the large crowd of hyped-up students during his perfomance.

In 2011, KNWD began hosting an annual music/arts festival, bringing good vibes and a great time to campus each year. This year, KNWD partnered with the Student Activities Board to create the biggest DemonFest yet. Members of the Natchitoches community and students came out for the two-day festival to enjoy food, art, and most of all – the music.

Taylor Thomas, an alumni and bass player for one of the bands that performed, T-Funk, said DemonFest was their best gig of the year. "Seeing bands coming together from all around the country is great," Thomas said. "DemonFest just keeps on delivering each year and was a blast to be able to play at."

Katelon Ramos, 2015-2016 General Manager for KNWD, strived to create a great atmosphere for students. "We wanted to make DemonFest feel like students were attending a mini-Voodoo Fest," Ramos said. "The bigger and more intricate stage and light setup, the fabric wristbands and the online ticket reservations helped give DemonFest a more 'real-festival' feel."

This year's DemonFest was headlined by Wale and featured bands such as Lost Kings, Djenko, Hydrogen Child, Shayliff, Kopacetic, Variants, Maylr, Brdfrd,T-Funk, DJ Hyphee, Kev Bev and the Woodland Creatures, Larry's Group, Jeaux London, Call Me Conde, Austin Sampson, Adalee & Gentry and AEP.

Planning a festival this large requires a lot of planning, according to Ramos. "It takes a ton of patience, endurance and discipline," Ramos said. "It takes cooperation and coordination between all parties. Above all, it requires a positive attitude and knowing that, at the end of the day, the event isn't an individual effort—it's a team effort and without a supportive team, it literally would not be possible."

**Jessie Gabor, Writer**
**Karalee Scouten, Photographer**

# What's in your

Autumn Blanchard, Writer
Stephanie Leger, Photographer

During spring of 2015, the talk of having a coffeehouse on campus started to brew. The project began in July and was completed in April of 2016. Students waited for the coffee house to open for months, and once it opened, it exceeded everyone's expectations. The café was so popular that it sold out of two weeks of supplies by the end of its second day! Many students took advantage of the new business as the semester ended, including senior elementary education major, Savana Whitten. "When I found out a new coffee shop was opening on campus, I was really excited because it was something that I definitely needed as a good pick-me-up throughout my day," Whitten said. "When it finally opened, I was there pretty much every day until the end of the semester, sometimes twice a day on a bad day. It's quick, convenient and definitely a much needed thing on campus!"

**The decision to put a café on campus had one goal: to enhance the student experience. "I think it's important for students to see we want to make investments that reinforce their decision to come here for school," Dr. Henderson, President of Northwestern State University, said. "The reason they come here is to get a degree that is valued in the state, a degree that prepares them for life. In pursuit of that degree they need an experience that they are going to remember and if Café DeMon does that then I think it's a great thing." Many students would agree that that the creation of Café Demon has certainly made their experience better. "The more time students spend, even in the vicinity of the library the better their grades are and the more likely we are to retain them as students," Henderson said. "That's why we decided to put the café in the library because we had the space for it . What better way to bring students to the library?"**

There have been many benefits of having Café Demon on campus. Since the opening of the cafe, there has been more traffic at the library than ever before. Professionals and locals also stop by to get their coffee. This better connects NSU with the community. Lastly, having coffee more easily accessible for students means fewer of them are falling asleep in class.

The name "Café DeMon" was an idea from the late Carol Long. He was a Chaplain to our football team for the past decade and the permanent captain to the 1966 undefeated Demon football team. His idea was to have the culinary arts program sell beignets around Natchitoches with the name Café DeMon playing off of the popular Café du Monde in New Orleans. Dr. Henderson decided to name the café something with a Northwestern flair and thanks to Mr. Long, he had the perfect name. Café DeMon has become a popular place for students to hang out and do homework.

## Dr. Henderson Recommneds:

venti green tea latte with non-fat milk & sugar.

## 5 Perks of being a Barista

*Barista: Charisma Johnson*

1.)Freecoffee
2.)Makingthenew,creativedrinks customerscomeupwith
3.)Laidbackatmosphere
4.)Tipsarespiltbetweenworkers
5.)Opportunitytobuildrelationships withregulars

Café DeMon
FUELING STUDENTS SINCE 2016

# FINALS SURVIVAL

## *A mad dash to the finish line!*

Back in high school, the last week of school was one of the most fun and laid-back weeks. Here in college, the last week of classes, finals week, is one of the longest and most excruciating weeks of the semester. During this time, twice the amount of students go to the library than usual. You can find these students with one or more caffeinated beverages, sugary snacks and sometimes blankets. During finals week, anything goes. Students will go to the library in pajamas and some even sleep there in between studying sessions. Coffee is the go-to drink of the week because it helps students stay awake and the longer they are awake, the more material they can cover.

Here are some tips that are forgotten during finals week that may help in the long run.

1. Get plenty of rest. Pulling an all-nighter may sound like the best idea, but sleep deprivation is not the answer. Your brain actually reviews what you learned that day while you are sleeping and stores it in your long-term memory.

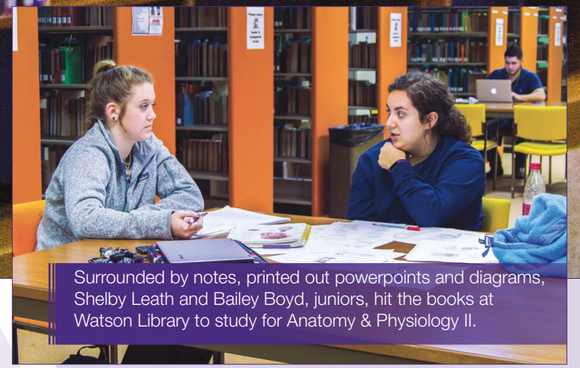
2. Stay Hydrated. Only drinking coffee is not a good idea. The best drink to keep hydrated is water and it also helps with fatigue.

3. Eat a good meal. Eating a candy bar is not considered lunch. It is important to provide your body with all the nutrients it needs to function. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day so be sure to eat a breakfast full of protein.

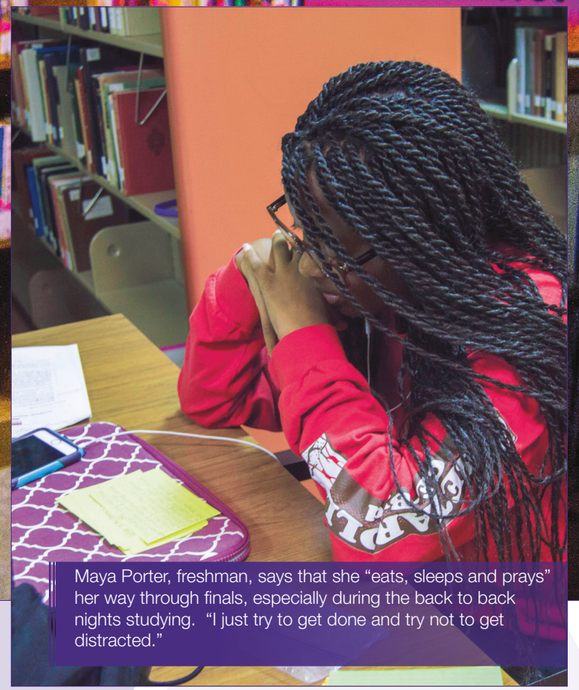
4. Take a break. Taking breaks to relax, de-stress and clear your head can make your study time more efficient and effective. This not only helps your brain remember information more effectively, but can improve your concentration and motivation while you are studying.

5. Attend campus events. During finals week, the Academic Affairs Department of the Student Government Association, SGA, sets up a late night breakfast bar in Iberville dining hall. “The goal is to allow students to study, socialize and get a late night meal while studying,” Taylor Spencer, senior Computer Information System major, said. Free scantrons are also available courtesy of SGA.

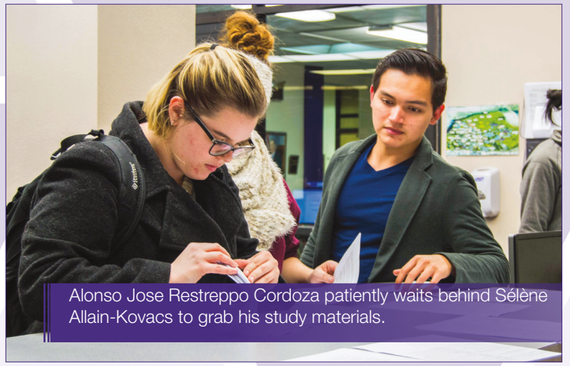
**Autumn Blanchard, Writer**
**Rachel Neathamer, Photographer**



Surrounded by notes, printed out powerpoints and diagrams, Shelby Leath and Bailey Boyd, juniors, hit the books at Watson Library to study for Anatomy & Physiology II.



Maya Porter, freshman, says that she “eats, sleeps and prays” her way through finals, especially during the back to back nights studying. “I just try to get done and try not to get distracted.”



Alonso Jose Restreppo Cordoza patiently waits behind Sélène Allain-Kovacs to grab his study materials.

Listening to music helps Demetri Hill stay focused on his studying, along with a drink from Cafe Demon to keep up his energy.

When asked how she prepares for finals, music major Allison McCloud, sophomore, stated, “I just try to balance my time to the best of my ability. And drink lots of coffee.”

While officially against university policy, students participate in the tradition of decorating their graduation caps, showcasing a variety of talent, creativity and Demon pride. President Henderson has previously said on the student concerns Facebook page, "Did I ever mention how much I love the creativity of our students with graduation caps?"

# We are graduates!

## *President Henderson jazzes up graduation ceremonies*

As graduating seniors walked across the stage, they had mixed feelings. Excitement for what lay ahead, nervousness to step into the world as adults and sadness to leave their college days behind. Mostly, they felt proud because in that moment they had accomplished a goal they had spent four, five or maybe even six years working towards. College is not always easy. It requires long hours of studying, an empty bank account and lots of missing your family. It also brings some of the best friends you'll ever meet and a chance to work towards your dreams, whatever they may be.

"I could probably write a book about my favorite NSU memories," graduate Katelon Ramos said. "I met so many people that I'm fortunate enough to call my friends. They may as well be family."

Alumna Katelon Ramos joked that graduation was scary because she worried about tripping on stage. "I was sad that I was leaving the place and the people I called home for four years," Ramos said. "I was happy that I actually survived college. I was upset that I didn't take that extra semester or year that everyone told me take because now I have to face reality without my best friends by my side at every moment. I still feel all of these feelings because it's still so surreal to me that I'm a college graduate."

Ramos graduated with a Bachelors in Communication. She currently lives in Dallas, but she hopes to move to New York City within the next year and work in music marketing. She lists her favorite memories from college as working at KNWD, meeting her lifelong friends and going to Memphis with Unite to Fight.

"I could probably write a book about my favorite NSU memories" says Ramos. "I met so many people that I'm fortunate enough to call my friends. They may as well be family."

Holly Jenkins, Writer
Karalee Scouten, Photographer
Kasi Patten, Photographer

Zach Rhodes and Donald Myers throw forks with Allison Mitchell after recieving their diplomas.

Northwestern welcomed Governor John Bell Edwards to campus to speak at the morning commencement ceremony.

> "Walking across that stage was such a bittersweet moment. It was hard to accept that I would be leaving a place that had been my home for four years. I learned so much during my time at NSU, and I can say that the education and guidance I received at Northwestern gave me courage to pursue my dreams without reservations. I'm proud to be a Demon, and I can't wait to see where life takes me!"
>
> - Crystal Dunning

Louisiana Scholars' College graduates Crystal Dunning and Emily Fontenot pause for a photo before commencement. NSU is home to the only designated honors college in the state.

NSU Hospitality Management and Tourism students pause to throw their forks while on one of their daily exercusions.

Brianna Ashley, Andrew Harrel, Jenna Baldwin, Stephanie Rabb, Brett Stephenson and Kayla Logue throwing forks in Greece.

*"I really loved seeing different cultures than my own. You don't realize how different other countries are from the United States until you leave.*

*- Brianna Ashley, Jr.*

# It's all *Greek* to me

*Hospitality Management and Tourism students take extensive tours of Greece and Italy*

While most students spent the summer working, taking summer classes and getting ready for the Fall, junior Brianna Ashley spent part of her summer touring Europe. Ashley, majoring in both Business Administration and Hospitality Management and Tourism, went with 15 other HMT majors on the trip of a lifetime.

"Our Travel and Tourism concentration for the HMT program requires you to take an International Study Tour," Ashley said. "We went to Europe this summer, but the program takes different trips every year depending on student polls and what our program sees fit."

The HMT group traveled to Italy and Greece, taking extensive tours of both. The group also took a three-day cruise around the Greek islands of Mykonos, Samos, Patmos, Crete and Santorini.

Ashley remembers her 21st birthday being one of the most memorable times of her life. "On our fourth day into the trip, I celebrated my 21st birthday," Ashley said. "Not many people get to spend their twenty-first sipping wine on a red wine vineyard."

"This trip made me realize that traveling is something I want to do for the rest of my life," Ashley said. "Seeing all the sights, people and the experiences I got from our trip put my life in perspective. It made me realize that this is what is truly going to make me happy in life. Now that I have gotten a taste of the adventure, I can't stop!"

When asked about her favorite part of the trip, Ashley had a hard time deciding.

"I loved all of the trip, Ashley said. "Since this was such a new experience for me I don't think I realized how much I would love it. I really loved seeing different cultures than my own. You don't realize how different other countries are from the United States until you leave. The group we had and our awesome teachers who put so much into planning this trip really topped it off. I don't think anything will ever compare to the fun I had this summer."

**Jessie Gabor, writer**
**Photos submitted by Brianna Ashley**

*Northwestern students take a photos with friends they have made at Universite' d'Angers. Haigh's 'French Friend,' Maelle, took Haigh to her family home and showed her the French countryside.*

# Bonjour from *Angers*

*NSU Demons Hannah Haigh, Savanah Meredith and Alex Anderson study abroad in Angers, France*

Most people have always dreamed of studying abroad and seeing the world. Hospitality and tourism management students Hannah Haigh, junior, Savanah Meredith, senior, and Alexander Anderson, senior, were given a once in a lifetime opportunity to spend a semester abroad at the Universite' d'Angers in Angers, France.

For Haigh, studying abroad brought some nerve-wracking emotions. "My first thought on going to a foreign country was how fun it was going to be because I've traveled before but never on my own and never for longer than two weeks so i knew it was going to be an experience," Haigh said.

Both Haigh and Meredith had no reservations about leaving home. "I was a little different from a lot of people in that I could not wait to be away from home. I had never traveled out of the country before, and the idea of living abroad for half a year excited me so much. I had no fears," Meredith said.

In the U. S. it is possible that many people will never travel across the country. In Europe, however, one can easily travel between countries with different languages, cultures and environments.

"Europe is so great because you can just hop on a low budget train, bus or plane, and it will take you anywhere you plan to go," Haigh said. "It is just so freeing to know that you have part of the world at your fingertips. I visited London, Paris, Belgium, Amsterdam and backpacked Italy and Spain for my two week spring break."

"The type of freedom you have there is insurmountable compared to the United States. Traveling is so common and easy to do," Meredith said.

While traveling is important, Haigh's favorite experience was making lifelong global friendships. "It is so interesting to learn their cultures and show them yours. I've met people from Spain, China, Indonesia, Finland, Ireland, England and the Netherlands," Haigh said. "I now have friends all over who have told me countless times that I have a place to stay when I visit their country."

When asked what advice she would give to students considering studying abroad, Meredith has two words: "DO. IT." Haigh echoes that sentiment, but adds practical advice. "My advice is to keep an open mind. Always pack light and have some knowledge about the area you are planning to travel to. Don't be unrealistic with your travels and know that traveling has its ups and downs but that's what makes it worthwhile."

**Ashleigh Daniels, writer**
**Photos submitted by Hannah Haigh**

*Haigh, Meredith and Anderson hold up a Northwestern flag while touring a castle in Angers. Here they are pictured in the throne room.*

> *Travel as much as possible. Don't just see the touristy sights or visit the famous cities, get to know the culture, the people, and the traditions. Become a part of their world. Let it change you. You won't regret it*
>
> *- Savanah Meredith, Sr.*

# #PRAYFOR ORLANDO

On June 12, 2016, hundreds of people gathered at Pulse Nightclub, one of the most popular gay clubs in Orlando, Florida, for "Latin Night." What was supposed to be a fun night of dancing and socializing with friends turned into what is now known as one of the deadliest shootings in modern history. At 2:02 a.m., Orlando police received reports that there had been shots fired at Pulse. As the hours went by, the gunman continuously shot innocent partygoers, killing 49 people and injuring 53 others.

At 5:15 a.m., police reported that the shooter was down.

NSU alumna, Courtney Billiot woke up on June 12 confused to find that her friends and family had been calling and texting her all night frantically to see if she was okay. Billiot, who works for Disney World, said that she was confused because at first she thought they were referring to the Christina Grimmie concert the night before, in which Grimmie was shot and killed while signing autographs. When she learned of the Pulse shooting, she was devastated.

"I wanted to know if the shooter had been taken into custody," said Billiot. "I felt sad and worried when I looked to see if any of my fellow Disney cast members were among the victims."

As the nation learned of the events the night before, people came together all over the country to mourn the victims and to show support for the LGBTQ community.

In Natchitoches, Director of Special Projects for Student Affairs and student advocate, Lori LeBlanc, and president of Pride, Aaron Rodgers, organized a candlelight vigil for the victims. What they expected to be a small gathering of around 30 people, surpassed all expectations. Over 100 people gathered at the Natchitoches Riverbank in support of the LGBTQ community. The vigil, which was the first event of its kind in Natchitoches, attracted people from as far as Dallas.

Tears were shed as people shared their experiences of coming out and how their sexuality affected their lives.

"When I came out to my mom she started crying" Rodgers said. "She later told me that she wasn't crying because I was gay or because she thought my eternal soul was damned. But rather that she was crying because she was sorry for the way the world would treat me and sorry that my life would be a lot harder."

This, unfortunately, is a real fear most members of the LGBTQ community share. Despite recent progressive movements, the LGBTQ community still faces much discrimination.

"This is something that could happen here," Rodgers said. "So we as a community came together to honor the victims but also to bring awareness to the fact that this community is still so marginalized and so targeted."

LeBlanc encourages LGBTQ students, as well as any other students who need support, to reach out to her or to use the many resources NSU offers such as the counseling center, The Center for Inclusion and Diversity and NSULA Pride.

"This generation is much more accepting than past generations," LeBlanc said. "Maybe that's why people drove all the way from Dallas for the vigil. Our main goal was to bring everyone together and to learn from this pain and grief. Our theme truly was unity. We want students to know that when they come to NSU they can be their self."

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**
**Photo submitted by the Natchitoches Parish Journal**

From left to right, Lincoln Pearce, senior; Hannah Teustch, junior; Holli Conway,, alumna; Marrisa McMickens, senior; Breanna Collier, alumna; Taylor Walker, alumna; and Stephanie Averitt, alumna, represented Northwestern in the Miss Louisiana Pageant. Conway recieved first runner up in the pageant this year, showing all of Louisiana what Northwestern women are capable of.

# Belles of the Bayou

## *Six Northwestern students and alumnae represented NSU at the Miss Louisiana Pageant*

Northwestern State University had three students and three alumnae compete in the Miss Louisiana Pageant this year. Holli Conway, Miss Heart of Pilot, placed first runner up in this year's pageant. Other NSU students who competed include Marissa McMickens, Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet; Hannah Teustch, Miss Bossier City; Lincoln Pearce, Miss Natchitoches; Taylor Walker, Miss Dixie Stockshow 2016; and Breanna Collier, Miss Greater Baton Rouge.

While many people assume pageants are superficial, service and philanthropy is a huge part of the competition at Miss Louisiana. The Miss Louisiana Organization recognizes Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as its philanthropy.

Yonna Pasch, Director of Student Activities at Northwestern State University, believes that pageants are important for two key reasons: service and scholarship. Pasch has been involved with the Miss Louisiana pageant system since 2001. "Competing in pageants helps bring a voice to a cause that could help a wide range of individuals," Pasch said. Contestants can choose any platform that they feel passionately about based on personal experience or societal issues.

Pearce, an accounting major, started the Weekend Warrior Backpack Program, an organization that provided easy to prepare meals and snacks for needy students in her community. "I started this program at my alma mater Florien High School because some of the kids I worked with at PALS didn't have enough food at home," Pearce said.

Pearce received the Miracle Maker Award at the Miss Louisiana pageant for having raised over fifteen-thousand dollars for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, and went on to receive the national Miracle Maker Award at the Miss America pageant. She received $2,500 in scholarships because of her dedication to philanthropy.

Pageants do not only give young women confidence, they also promote the idea of giving back and serving others.

**Kate McMillan, Writer**
**Kara Scouten, Photographer**

> *"Competing in pageants helps bring a voice to a cause that could help a wide range of individuals."*
> *-Yonna Pasch*

The Student Union bridge recieved a makeover following damage caused by a large supply truck.

# CAMPUS *Improvements*

Over the past year, there have been a few changes on NSU's campus. With the new Student Union bridge, the relaying of the crosswalks, new lights, a Starbucks and new stadium seating, NSU has seen some improvements this year.

These improvements have been long awaited, since getting the funding for these projects can take a long time. The Union bridge took well over a year to rebuild and the crosswalks are still being worked on.

Back in October 2015, most lights on campus had been changed to increase visibility and security during nighttime. Not only does it give more light, but the new LED bulbs last longer and save more money.

The space behind Kyser Hall is currently being remodeled, and will include designated walkways for students. These walkways will help reduce the risk of students being hit by cars driving around the Post Office.

A five-year capital outlay plain has been officially submitted and eight new projects have been purposed. These projects include renovations to various campus buildings, streets and parking, re-roofing of campus buildings, street extensions and ADA compliances on all campuses.

Not only has the Natchitoches campus seen improvements, so has the Shreveport campus. New security cameras were placed around campus, as well as LED lights being placed around campus. These have increased the security around the campus and helped create a safer environment for students.

**Jacob Farnsley, Writer**
**Rachel Neathamer, Photographer**

The bricks behind Kyser Hall in the process of being remodeled. Once complete it will have a designated walkway to reduce the risk of students being hit by cars driving around the Post Office.

Perhaps the most notable improvement to the students is the opening of Cafe DeMon, a Starbucks-based coffee shop nestled into Watson Library.

In addition to the reconstruction of the bride, the Student Union also received purple and orange furniture and new carpet to create a better environment for students.

One of the more visible differences are the addition of new signs around campus.

Northwestern's Shreveport campus received many improvements, including new security cameras and LED lights.

# FRESHMAN *Connection*

Freshman Connection gives sutdents a chance to learn about NSU and get excited to come to college. **LEFT:** Michael Phelps throws a fork while he leads students around at the Purple Palooza Organization Browse. **MIDDLE:** Ty Wright and Luke Lucky, freshman connectors, pose for a photo while eating their Italian ice. **RIGHT:** Gavin Wiggins stops for a photo at the Potpourri booth at Purple Palooza.

IncomingDemonsgetoriented withtheNorthwestern campusandpreparefor thefallsemester.

This past summer, NSU hosted four Freshman Connections, which had the largest turn out of students in NSU's history. Almost every organization, club and group gets together to give incoming freshmen an inside look into what makes NSU, NSU.

Connection is a way to help freshman get to know the campus, see what the school has to offer and gives them a chance to see first-hand what they will be doing with their time here.

Freshman graphic design major Terrence Green said that his favorite part of freshman connection was meeting his connectors, who turned out to be his first friends here at NSU.

Freshman Connectors are the people that show the freshman the campus, help them schedule their classes and assist them with anything that they need during orientation. This year, they added three new color groups in order to accommodate the amount of students coming to Connection.

"I loved how helpful it was. I learned a lot about the campus and how classes work and what to expect of college life," freshman business major Caitlin Miller said. "My connectors were super helpful and enthusiastic about answering any of our questions."

**Jacob Farnsley, Writer**
**Kasi Patten, Photographer**

Cullen Ballard, freshman, competes in follies at Freshman Connection for the black team.

Emmalee Lewing, Shannon Dybas and Addison Garcie pause for a photo at the Potpourri information booth.

The red team visits and jokes with each other at follies as they wait for the next competition.

> "I want to thank my good friend Carlos for dancing with me and making this a great experience! We chose to dance salsa because we are both from Cartagena, Colombia and it is a cultural dance from our country that we wanted to share with everyone! It is such a fun dance to perform and hopefully our performance would make people want to learn it as well and share our rich culture of dance and music!"
>
> -Daniela Salas, sophomore

Haley Tucker, Laci Parker, Harley (the puppy), Jacob Bennet and Megan Tucker talk to students at Freshman Connection about Students for Animal Protection.

# Welcome home, Demons!

## Returning Demons welcomed freshmen at Move-In Day

Bright and early on August 20, incoming students lined up at Prather Coliseum to get their dorm keys. Eagerly they waited with their parents, excited to begin a new chapter in their lives.

While waiting, students were able to enjoy music and free lemonade provided by KNWD. Even Vic the Demon showed up to greet new students. After receiving their keys, they made their way to their respective dorms. Many student organizations were there to greet the new freshmen, working all morning in the summer heat to help get everyone settled in.

"My first thought while moving in was of how excited I was to be moving away from home and finally becoming independent," freshman Thomas Celles said. "I met so many incredible people from day one and it's been such a great experience getting to know them."

Freshman Alice Wilson said that she immediately loved NSU because of the family atmosphere and the fact that there is a place for everyone to feel at home.

"While walking through the university my first impression was that of unity," Wilson said. "That's what makes this school home for so many people."

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**
**Kasi Patten, Photos**
**Karalee Scouten, Photos**

"This year I worked Move-In Day for both Tri Sigma and Westside Baptist Church. I just love serving people and helping out any way that I can! I know it can be tough making 10 trips to your car and up the stairs of UP (yikes). It's also a great chance to meet new people and welcome the new freshman to our school!"

- Anna Richardson, junior

Left: Victor Lopez and Nestor Mercado-Garcia, senior, help move in the new freshmen Demons by carrying a mini fridge and some water. Top: Carlos Patron pauses for a photo while helping carry some of the larger items students bring to their new dorms. Some of the most popular items include mini fridges, coffee pots, toaster ovens and food for the start of the semester.

Freshman Esdon Boyd carries his things into his new dorm.

Natalie Thomas, sophomore, helps move in a fellow demon.

Angie Nguyen and Lydia Doucet help carry a student's items into their dorm.

Trey Latino, senior, Ryan , and Jenna Baldwin, junior represent their different organizations as they help move students into their dorms at University Place 2. Returning students do their best to make the incoming freshmen feel welcome and at home on campus.

Logan Fontenot of the Flamethrowers plays guitar at a concert held on the Iberville Green after Move-In Day.

Both Alison Garcia and Noah Baudoin find creative ways to make their dorms feel more like home. While Garcia states she can't live without her fragrance plug-ins and pictures from home, Baudoin can't live without his mattress pad and white board.

# DORM *Anatomy*

Garcia is nice and cozy in her warm and inviting dorm room. She enjoys living on campus so much that she plans to return to the dorms as a junior. "I can't wait to move back in again next year!"

February 1 is a highly anticipated day for students with on-campus housing. As soon as housing applications open, students race to secure the room of their choice - whether it be a private dorm or a Columns apartment. University Place 1 and 2 have both private and shared dorms, and Columns has many different rooming options. Current students have first preference, so they have to get there early to secure the type of dorm they desire.

For Alison Garcia, sophomore, getting there early was very important. She wanted the private dorm for her first year on campus, so she made sure to apply on February 1st. From the very beginning, her experiences with Campus Housing have been completely positive. "I can't wait to move back in again next year," Garcia said.

This is also true for Noah Baudoin, sophomore, who is in his second year of living on campus. He says the Northwestern dorms have "exceptional living condition quality." While overall experiences with Campus Housing office have been positive, there are some downfalls. Baudoin and Garcia both mention the high prices of the dorm as being a downside to campus living. However, many students do not know about scholarships for housing. Baudoin receives a scholarship from the Alumni Foundation because both of his parents graduated from here. While it does not pay for his housing in full, every little bit helps.

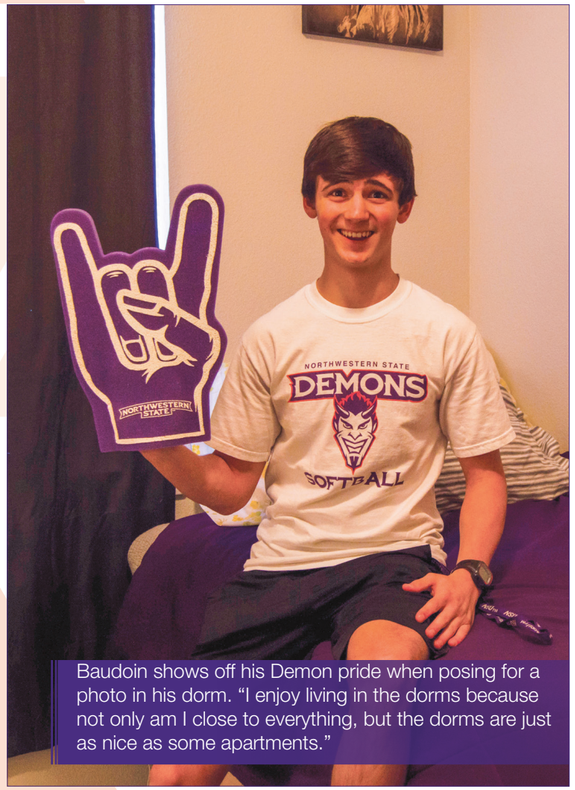
After receiving the room and paying for it, students move in the following August. Baudoin mentions that the best thing about moving in the first time was the volunteers there to help him. "Move-In Day was a breeze for me," Baudoin said. "I showed up early with all my stuff, signed some papers, and student volunteers helped move all my stuff in." He went on to become a volunteer his sophomore year. Northwestern is a close-knit community and one of the best examples of this is Move-In Day.

Once moved in, students have to make their dorm feel like home for the next nine months. Garcia said a plant helps her with this. She also cannot live without her fragrance plug-ins and pictures of her family from back home. Baudoin said he cannot live without his mattress pad and whiteboard. Bringing favorite items into the dorms helps students feel more comfortable in their environment.

Garcia and Baudoin both believe that the positives outweigh the negatives. They both recommend it to students looking to be close on campus and get to events with little to no effort. "I enjoy living in the dorms because not only am I close to everything, but the dorms are just as nice as most apartments," Baudoin said.

**Ashley Wisthoff, Writer**
**Rachel Neathamer, Photographer**

University Place Two, one of the thre dorm options available to students. Other options include University Place One and Unliceristy Columns.




Baudoin shows off his Demon pride when posing for a photo in his dorm. "I enjoy living in the dorms because not only am I close to everything, but the dorms are just as nice as some apartments."

# COLOR CHAOS

One of the best parts of Color Chaos was the free food. While getting food, Sonny Pynes, Katie Layfield and Caitlin Bowman pose for a quick photo.

Screams of laughter and excitement filled the air as students participated in the first event of Welcome Week: Color Chaos. Students lined up thirty minutes early at Prather Colliseum despite the threat of rain and cancellation, trying to recieve a coveted free Color Chaos t-shirt, which is only guaranteed to the first 300 students. Luckily, the storm circumnavigated around Demonland, allowing the show to go on.

Everything was a blur as the tape dropped and the mad rush to the trash cans filled with paint ensued. Students wore protective goggles and glasses to protect their eyes. When all was finished the students were splattered from head to toe, wearing the 250 gallons of paint provided for the event.

After all of the paint was gone, studens rinsed off on water slides and ate barbeque chicken dinners provided by the First Year Experience office. Students eventually washed all the paint out of their ears, hair and clothes, but the memories they walked away with will last a lifetime.

**Ashleigh Daniels, Writer**
**Steven Sheerin, Photographer**
**Kasi Patten, Photographer**

Students at Color Chaos throw their forks up with Jessie Hebert and Patricia Reed front and center.

Photo by Karalee Scouten

Jinger Sepulvado races to the yellow paint as it is being thrown her way.

# DEMON DAYS

Autumn Blnchard, Writer
Karalee Scouten, Photographer
Rachel Neathamer, Photographer

## Putt for Parking

For students looking to save some pocket change, Putt for Parking gave them an opportunity to win a free faculty/staff parking permit for the year. If a student had already purchased a parking pass, they recieved cash instead.

Jamie Phillips, sophomore, and Sonny Pynes, sophomore, enjoy free food provided at the event.

## Glow in the Dark Zumba

Later Wednesday night, students gathered in the Health & Human Performance gym to rock out to 80's themed Glow in the Dark Zumba party. The event was co-sponsored by NSU's Pomline and the First Year Experience Office. While dancing the night away in colorful outfits and glow sticks, students also got an aerobic workout. Students had access to neon face paint and party favors as well. Prizes were given away to students with the most creative outfits.  Free smoothies were provided by Smoothie King.

Ashley Fortenberry, junior, competitively points at her team members as they try to win one of the many challenges between the stacks.

Taylor Powell, sophomore, explains to students what Greek life means to her.

## Chillin' & Grillin' with the Greeks

Wednesday, students had the chance to get a free lunch and learn more about Greek life. This event gave students an opportunity to talk to each Greek organization and ask the active members questions about sorority and fraternity life.

Katie Baronne and Emily Arnaud, fresmen, pose for a photo after picking out the perfect glow accessories and getting their faces painted.

## Get Loud @ the Library

Forget being quiet in the library; Thursday night was filled with fun and games. All three floors of Watson Library were transformed with a cookie bar, music, games and fun. Students learned about the library and had the chance to win gift cards and prizes. Students also learned more about Alpha Lambda Delta, an honor society for freshmen.

I am a demon.
I am tired.
I am a writer
I am I am curious
an activist I am sassy.
I am a journalist
I am innovative I am
I am a dreamer strong

Kennedy Lampert, junior, and Trey Robets, sernior, support the Demons from the student section during the White Out game.



Ty Jennings, senior, Skylar Downs, freshman, and Tanner Woodard, sophomore, show school spirit at the annual White Out game.

# I am an INFERNO

The roar of the crowd in the stands. The sweat dripping down the faces of NSU freshmen. The Northwestern State Demon football team ready to run out onto the field at Turpin Stadium. All these events led up to the annual White Out game and the infamous Inferno. Incoming freshmen get to participate in welcoming the football team by making a tunnel for them to run through at the first game of the season. This tradition is something that freshmen only experience one time in their college career. Once the football players exited the tunnel, students ran to the west side of the stadium. The run was chaotic, as some fell while running in the sea of white-clad students. "I am just glad I didn't trip," Jenna Morris, a freshman veterinary technician major, said. The Ingerno was a great experience that many Freshmen will not forget. "It was everything I could've hoped for," Nick Moldovsky, a freshman biology major, said. Everyone prepared to watch NSU and the University of Incarnate Word compete after the Inferno settled.

Kevaun McCall and Austin Averitt, juniors, run the flags down the field through a tunnel of students during the Inferno.

Megan Palmer, writer
Rachel Neathamer, Photographer

Students, alumni and their families enjoy many activities at football tailgates. Games and photo props are usually present. Most times, people walk around to different tents to visit and enjoy good food, sharing memories and making new friends.





Daniel Thiels, Student Media Coordinator, visits with Kasi Patten, sophomore, at the Student Media tent at the tailgating field while he grills burgers and hot dogs.

Walker Jennings, freshman, goofs off at the tailgate with his Kappa Alpha Order brothers Ty Jennings, Lane Robinson and Sam Brandon; the most popular photo prop of the day being a purple children's scooter.

Shania Dautrieve, junior, interviews Dean of Students Frances Conine during the tailgate for the KNWD live broadcast.



# Demon Tailgating

Football season in the South is taken very seriously. Not only for the football game itself, but the long day of tailgating outside the stadium. It's not just a way to kill time before the game; it's a day-long potluck and hanging out under tents complete with couches and TVs for some. Let's be real. It's flip cup, beer pong and scoping out the sea of brightly colored dresses, gingham button ups and cowboy boots. People break-out their Sunday best for the tailgate, trying to avoid getting drenched by flying beer cans or being knocked-out by a game of football in the parking lot behind the stadium. (I've been there, almost had my head hit clean off.)

After a long week of work and school, people are ready to kick-back and relax all Saturday long. Blaine Reeder, sophomore, says his favorite part of the tailgate was when the band walked out and played in front of the Greek section. "I like all the food and hanging out with my fraternity brothers. It gets me excited for game days and everyone always dresses nice," Eli Durr, sophomore, said. "I just love the vibe in general because I know I'll miss it once I graduate."

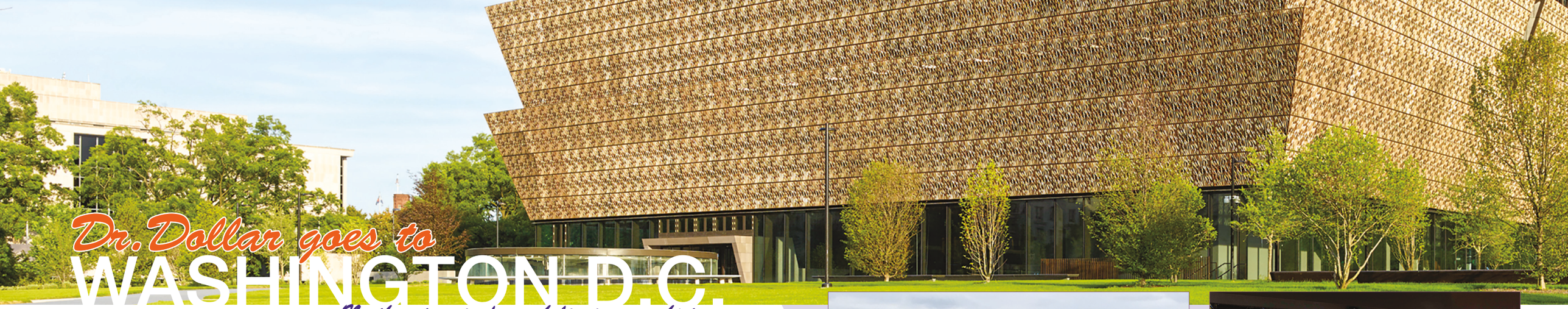
Hannah Robertson, sophomore, also said she enjoys hanging out with her friends and getting ready to go to the game.

The tailgate field is packed with all different kinds of people. One section is Greek, another has alumni and different organizations pitch tents and hang out before the game. "I enjoy the variety of people," Tanner Woodard, sophomore, said. "Everyone being so open. For one day a week, you get to wake up and have a great time. It brings the students and staff together."

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**
**Rachel Neathamer, Photographer**

Students help Reatha Cox, Director of the Office of First Year Experience, set out balloons at the Family Day tailgate.

Dr. Henderson talks to Demons and their family members as he made his way around the tailgating field at Family Day.



# Dr. Dollar goes to WASHINGTON D.C.

## *Northwestern professor helps preserve history.*

History can be found in many places in the United States. In the South, two historic items were found in the bayou state that would become a part of something much bigger.

Dr. Susan Dollar, an associate professor of History, had become aware that the Smithsonian Museum of African American History was looking for two artifacts to be displayed in the museum. She is board member of the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches that had the two artifacts in storage.

The APHN owns historic properties, such as the Melrose Plantation, from which they have gathered artifacts over the years. During this time, the Association had found the only plantation bell intact in the United States.

Since the APHN does not typically loan out its artifacts, Dollar thought it was going to be an uphill climb for the Smithsonian to borrow them. In a meeting, she stood up and announced anyway that the museum was interested in two artifacts that they had found. One was the plantation bell that was the clock for slaves and the other was a slave wrist shackle and key that was still operational. She proposed that by making a long-term loan, they could keep ownership and have their name on the label by the artifacts.

When Dollar arrived on the moving day, the movers shook her hand, thanking her for being able to get the artifacts for the museum. That's the last she thought she would hear from the museum.

Over the summer, Dollar received a Save-The-Date card for the opening of the museum, but thought she wouldn't be able to go. One day, an envelope arrived, containing an invitation to the new Smithsonian grand opening and a list of famous people such as Oprah Winfrey, Barbara Bush and other attendees. "I went around and told everyone look at what I got! Look at what I got," Dollar said. "You would have thought it was Christmas morning and then I drove to my brother's office and said look at what I got!"

With the help of the Alumni Foundation and some of her family, Dollar could make the trip to D.C for the opening of the new museum. Dollar discovered that Dr. Vicki Parrish, a NSU theater professor, was also going on the trip.

During the trip, Dollar was interviewed at the National Mall for KALB News of Alexandria.

Dollar gave a very detailed description of her experience walking through the museum.

"When you go, if you try to go upstairs to see what's up there, they will say, 'No, no, no. The tour begins down there. Three or four floors beneath where you are standing,'" Dollar said. "You go down and it's dark, got lower lights, feels a little closed in, and you realize you're in the slavery days. In fact, you're standing by. I remember getting a chill, an auction block where a slave had stood to be sold off. This is where the Natchitoches artifacts are, in the very bottom. It's sneaky because you don't walk up steps. You just slowly make your way around the room and see things and as you go you're getting higher up. Then you're on another level and you're out of slavery, it's like the Civil War Reconstruction period. You keep going up and then you're approaching the 1940's, when the military was desegregated. You slowly go up and then you're in the middle of the Civil Rights Movement. At the very top it was a celebration of African American culture."

She also met and took a photo with a Soul Train dancer that had donated her outfit to the museum. Dollar recommends anyone going to this museum to stop by Sweet Home Cafe' where they serve different foods from the four geographic areas of the U.S. All in all, Dr. Susan Dollar helped the Smithsonian Museum of African American History show that even in a small town, history can be found.

**Megan Palmer, Writer**
**Alan Karchmer/NMAAHC, Photographer**

Dr. Dollar was one of the first to see the exhibits at the Smithsonian Museum of African American History. She recieved an invitation to the grand opening of the museum as a thank you for coordinating the loan of a plantation bell and slave wrist shackles between the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches and the museum.

# Homecoming OLYMPICS

Ashleigh Daniels, Writer
Karalee Scouten, Photographer
Kasi Patten, Photographer

Jacob Horton, sophomore, takes a turn at one of the obstacle courses as his friends look on (with their cameras ready for the wipe-out).

## Track & Field

In an event co-sponsored by the Student Activities Board and Demon Intramurals, Northwestern students competed for intramural points as they ran the annual Homecoming 5K Glow Run. Students were provided with glow bracelets and necklaces, as well as numbers and bibs to record each runner's time upon their arrival. The first 200 participants to finish the race recieved a free event t-shirt. The male open winner was Joshua Wilkins, and the female open winner was Anne Repp.

Gabby Savoy, Maddie Mason, Leslie Sharbono and Caroline Fudge, freshmen, race to complete a challenge in the "Olympic Games."

## Opening Ceremonies

On Monday at 11 a.m, students kicked-off Homecoming Week at the Boozman Oak Alley by completing inflatable obstacle courses as well as enjoying the freebies provided by SAB. Students could make custom license plates and key chains, as well as enjoy a free lunch.

Karalee Scouten, Assistant Director of Marketing at NSU, has fun taking photos of students at the Homecoming 5K and Bonfire.

## Bonfire

As a reward for completing the 5k Glow Run, students participated in a bonfire and concert located at the bottom of Greek Hill at the finish line. Students enjoyed the music, as well as the opportunity to relax and spend time with each other. Overall, students had a forkin' good time!

## Olympic Games

On Wednesday about 50 students competed in the "Olympic Games" on the Iberville Green. Students were sorted into teams to play various games including plank walks and other obstacle courses.

# Homecoming OLYMP-SYNC

Students orginizations fight fiercly for the title of LipSync Champions

When's the time of year when you may see hundreds of students parading into A.A. Fredricks dressed as boxers, country boys and athletes of every sport known to man? No, not Halloween. It's even better: Lipsync.

The Homecoming theme this year was the Olympics, so Lipsync was called "Olymp-Sync," hosted by the Student Activities Board. Each organization was assigned a different sport to incorporate into their performance. Over a thousand people came to watch the event, featuring entertainment by Eh440, a Canadian acapella group who also served as judges for the evening.

The organizations were split into three categories: general, fraternity and sorority. Each organization performed their dances and skits and were intermittently graced with the performances of Eh440.

At the end of the night, People's Choice was won by Phi Mu Fraternity and Homecoming Hunnies was won by the Student Theatre Organization.

The next night at Rockin' on the Riverbank, overall winners of each division were announced. In the General Division, first place went to President's Leadership Program, second to Helping Hands and third to La Belle Femme. In the Fraternity Division, first place was a tie between Pi Kappa Phi and Kappa Sigma. Second place was also a tie between Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Nu. Third place was awarded to Alpha Phi Alpha. In the Sorority Division, first place was awarded to Sigma Sigma Sigma, second to Phi Mu and third to Alpha Omicron Pi.

Homecoming Court had their own dance number, as well as almost every major organization on campus.

This year was Ben Brandao's, freshman,  first experience with Lipsync, performing with all the Kappa Alpha Order pledges. He says it was "super fun and we all worked hard in practicing and performing despite being disqualified." The boys were disqualified in leau of a miscommunication on their timeliness of getting to the stage, but they performed and put on a good show regardless.

For the sororities, Lipsync is super serious business. Think Dance Moms or Dancing with the Stars. Some girls stay up as late as 1:30 a.m. on weeknights to perfect their numbers. Ragan Aple, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, says she's thankful to have "bonded over late night practices and coming together to see all the other organizations' performances."

Noah Baudoin dressed as Dr. Henderson for the Pi Kappa Phi performance. "Lipsync was crazy fun, but came with many hours of late night hours of practice," Baudoin said. "Dedrick Lewis and I actually recorded my [Henderson] lines and cut the music the day it was due to be turned in! Being Dr. Henderson was a fit choice for me because I have zero rhythm. I'm really glad our performance came together as well as it did."

Daniela Salas and Carlos Patron performed in the Homecoming Hunnies portion, bringing international flair to the stage. " I had fun representing Phi Mu as one of their homecoming hunnies," Salas said. "It was such an honor and I thank all of my sisters for allowing me to do this! I also want to thank my good friend Carlos for dancing with me and making this a great experience!" Salas and Patron chose to bring their Columbian culture into their salsa routine. "It is such a fun dance to perform and hopefully our performance would make people want to learn it as well and share our rich culture of dance and music," Salas said.

The highlight of the night was definitely when Jake Stern, a member of Eh440, announced that he was on the search for a girlfriend, and on this quest, danced with and/or on multiple women in the audience. It is unsure whether he will return, but every girl on campus is hoping he does.

Kierstin Richter, Writer
Rachel Neathamer, Photographer
Karalee Scouten, Photographer

Lip-Sync  is an opportunity for students and organizations to compete with each other and show individual creativity and talent. **LEFT:** Brandon Hubbard, freshman, participates with Kappa Alpha Order in a country-themed routine. **MIDDLE:** Chelsey Goldsmith, junior, and Charles Anderson, Jr., senior, compete in the homecoming hunnies competition, taking first place. **RIGHT:** Melissa Ortiz-Nava, senior, dresses up as Vic the Demon for Alpha Omicron Pi's track and field-themed skit.

Jourdan Waddel, freshman, Abby Hinds, junior, and Denae Landry, sophomore, knocked out the competition with their sisters to "Hit Me With Your Best Shot," helping Sigma take gold.

Jake Stern, one of the members of the Canadian acapella group, Eh440, and competition judge, catches an audience member off guard as he serenades her in front of her husband.

> *"It is such a fun dance to perform and hopefully our performance would make people want to learn it as well and share our rich culture of dance and music!"*
>
> *-Daniela Salas, junior*

Daniela Salas and Carlos Patron represent Phi Mu Fraternity in the Homecoming Hunnies competition. They danced the salsa, a cultural dance from their home country, Columbia.

# Homecoming MEDAL CEREMONY

*Northwestern gets Natchitoches pumped for the Homecoming Game against McNeese State University with a Parade and Peprally on Front Street*

On Friday, RSOs, Greek organizations and the homecoming court lined up for the homecoming parade. Floats ranged in creativity from simply riding in trucks and trailers, to elaborate boats, mountains and boxing rinks.

Students and parade goers cheered on the passing floats as they caught candy and beads. The homecoming court led the parade in fancy convertible sports cars. The parade ended on the Natchitoches Riverbank and was followed by a peprally on the Cane Riverbank Stage.

Rockin' on the Riverbank was a fun time for students to mingle and show their school pride. Northwestern spirit groups performed at the pep rally. Students waited in anticipation to find out the winners for each category of the homecoming activities.

**Taylor Spencer, Writer**
**Karalee Scouten, Photographer**
**Stephanie Leger, Photographer**

Students from the President's Leadership Program throw forks on their golf-themed homecoming float.

Head Coach, Jay Thomas, looks on as senior Nick Pierotti adresses the school and community at the peprally, pumping up the crowd and encourging attendence at the homecoming game.

Football players Isaac Warren and Justin Barnes, juniors, throw forks while showing school spirit at the peprally on the riverbank.

Kappa Alpha Order won first place in the Fraternity Division of the Homecoming Float competition with their Mount Olympus-themed Greek float.

## HomecomingFirstPlaceWinners

| Event: | Fraternity: | Sorority: | General: |
|---|---|---|---|
| Banner | Kappa Alpha | Sigma Sigma Sigma | PLP |
| Lipsync | Kappa Sigma<br>Pi Kappa Phi | Sigma Sigma Sigma | PLP |
| Blood drive | Pi Kappa Alpha | Sigma Sigma Sigma | ROTC |
| 5K | Sigma Nu | Sigma Sigma Sigma | ROTC |
| Can Food | Sigma Nu | Sigma Sigma Sigma | BCM |
| Float | Kappa Alpha | Sigma Sigma Sigma | PLP |

Overall Winner: Sigma Sigma Sigma

Northwestern's crew team on their "boat" float. Members pictured from left to right include McKenna Opbroek, sophomore, Cameron Davis, Sydney Gillespie and Zoie Gillespie, freshmen.

Jaylon Lewis
Emilie King

Trey Roberts
Sarah Gandy

Antavious Roberson
Abby Hinds

Curtis Fennel
Myranda Degraw

Nestor Mercado-Garcia
Sha'Destiny Blackshire

# HOMECOMING COURT

Every school year, one of the most important football games of the year is the Homecoming game. This year, NSU played McNeese, with McNeese winning with a score of 48 to 27.

However, one of the most anticipated part of the game is the recognition of the Homecoming Court. Being on Homecoming Court takes discipline and hard work, with rigid academic standards. Each person must be of junior or senior standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.75.

Homecoming King and Queen were Leighann Westfall of Houston and Otha "Tre" Nelson of Baton Rouge.

The Homecoming Honor Court included Katie Adams and Sarah Gandy of Monroe, Sha'Destiny Blackshire and Jaylon Lewis of Shreveport, Jordan Brisco of Opelousas, Anthony Cannata of Kenner, Myranda Degraw and Dedrick Lewis of Baton Rouge, Curtis Fennell of Boyce, Ashley Fortenberry and Emilie King of Natchitoches, T.J. Gorham of Alexandria, Demetri Hill of Mansfield, Abby Hinds of Many, Aly Jacobs of Houston, Bralyn James of Lake Charles, Nestor Mercado-Garcia of Cartegena, Colombia, John Pearce of Livonia, Antavious Roberson of Arcadia and Trey Roberts of Pineville.

All members of the 2016 Homecoming Court were honored during halftime of the Homecoming Football Game.

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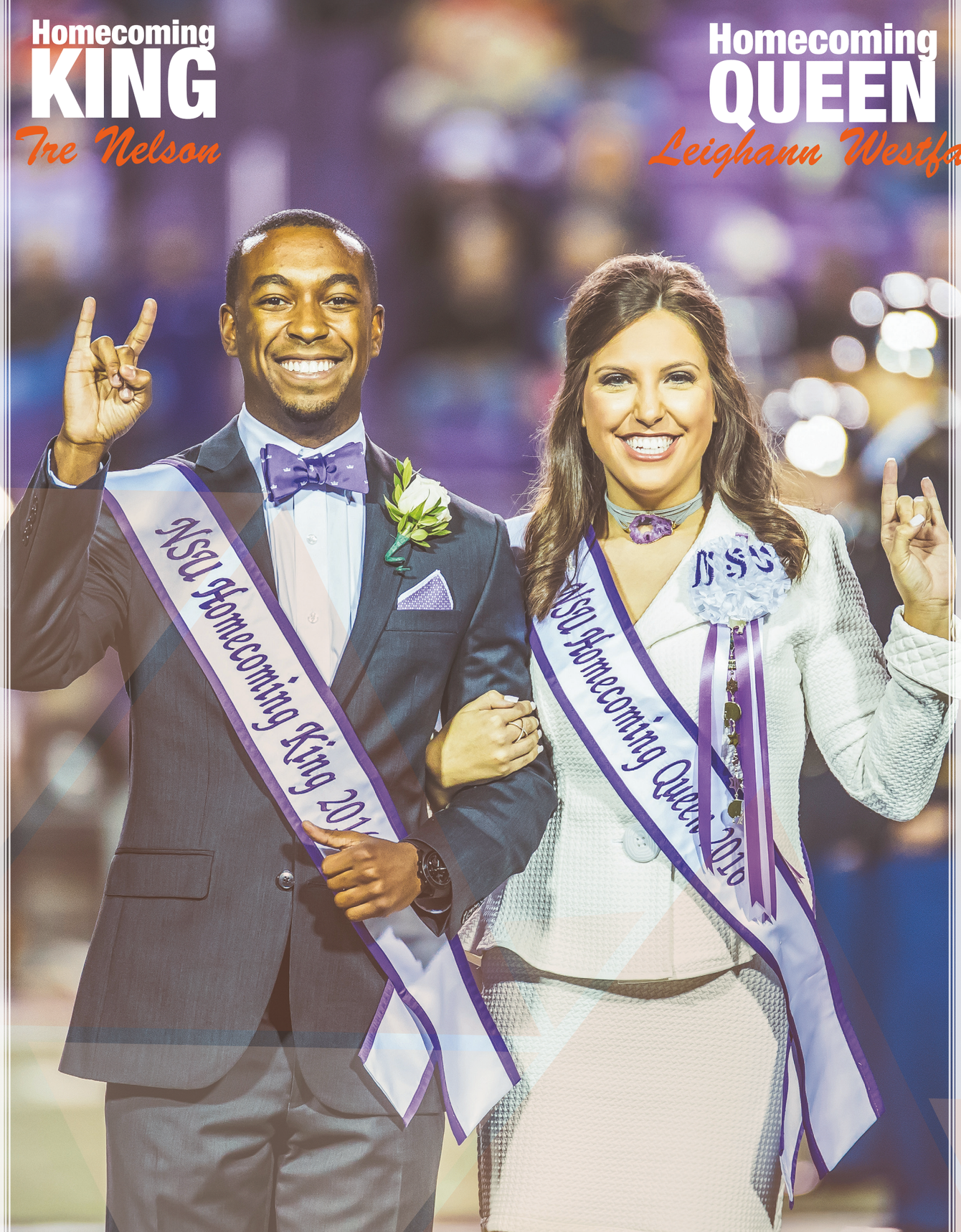
# Homecoming KING
## Tre Nelson

# Homecoming QUEEN
## Leighann Westfall




### What are you involved in at NSU?

***Leighann:*** I am involved as a lead Freshman Connector, Demon Days Welcome Week Coordinator and PLP mentor. I am also in Phi Mu Fraternity, Purple Jackets, Order of Omega and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. I am a previous member of SAB and the Purple Pizzazz Pom Pon Line.

***Tre:*** I am the Vice President of the Student Government Association, Vice President of Sigma Nu Fraternity and Vice President of the IFC. In addition, I am the National Collegiate Board Member for the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee and also work closely alongside the Sigma Nu Fraternity National Organization.

### How did you balance your personal, school, and work life during the weeks leading up to your crowning?

***Leighann:*** It was definitely a challenge balancing everything during the weeks before and the week of Homecoming, but I think I handled it well. I was involved in four different organizations' homecoming competition aspects such as floats and lipsync performances so that right there took up a lot of my time, then I had my responsibilities as Homecoming Queen, my job and finally my academics. I tried to get as much done before hand as I could and I notified all my professors about the activities I was required to attend and tried to get ahead in all my school work. Finally, I set reminders on my phone to go off so I wouldn't forget anything going on during one of the busiest weeks on campus. It was crazy at times but in the end, I got through it all and made some life long memories and friendships along the way!

***Tre:*** It was difficult balancing my school work because I went on a trip to DC two weeks prior to homecoming for SGA, and then the following week was in Seattle for a National Honors College Conference. This required me assuring that myself and all of my professors were on the same page about my assignments and making them up. It definitely was difficult but in the end completely worth it. Being Homecoming King is one of the biggest honors that I have been awarded in college and I will continue to represent a good model for all students until and after I pass off the title to the next king.

### What was your response to winning the Homecoming Queen/ Homecoming King title?

***Leighann:*** I found out I won Miss NSU and Homecoming Queen at the same time when I was in class. I was beyond myself because I was so wrapped up in the Miss NSU process that I didn't even think about the possibility of winning both! I was over the moon excited and shocked when I found out this second piece of exciting news. I called my mom immediately and ran after class to meet my king in the hallway where the results were posted. It was a memory I will never forget. It feels amazing when you know your peers recognize and appreciate the amount of work and effort you put in to everything you do at your university.

***Tre:*** My initial response was pure surprise, as I did not expect to beat out some of the senior court members who were also going for the king position. Once the reality hit, I was extremely excited and called my family back in Baton Rouge to deliver the news.

### What responsibilities does the title hold?

***Leighann:*** As Homecoming Queen, I was responsible for appearing at many of the homecoming events during the week as well as the parade and game while promoting school spirit. I also had the honor of attending a luncheon with multiple past NSU Homecoming Queens and Kings, it was amazing hearing all their stories. It was also my responsibility to welcome back many NSU alums and show them the amazing things our current students are doing!

***Tre:*** The Homecoming King is the representative for the Northwestern State University Student Body. He, the queen, and the entire court represent some of the best student leaders from around campus and are truly a testament to how good of a job NSU does in preparing its students for life beyond college.

**Megan Palmer, Writer**
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# Mr. & Miss NSU Westfall

## TJ Gorham & Leighann

*Beginning in 1956, Mr. and Miss NSU is the highest honor a student can recieve as an undergraduate at Northweestern. SGA hosts the election each fall allowing NSU students to elect two of their peers. Mr. and Miss NSU is presented annually at an NSU home football game. These two outstanding students can be seen at other university events and activities throughout the year. Terrel (TJ) Gorham of Alexandria, and Leighann Westfall of Houston, recieved this honor for the 2016-2017 academic year.*

**What was it like to find out you had won the title of Miss/Mr. NSU?**

***Leighann:*** This moment was one I will never forget. I was in class and immediately started crying tears of joy. When you love a university as much as I do, this is the ultimate reward. As a freshman, I only dreamed of one day receiving this title, so it was truly a dream come true. I was humbled and honored!

***TJ:*** It was defiantly a dream come true! This was one of the things I have wanted since coming in as a freshman. I wanted to get involved and I knew that this was going to be one of my goals that I wanted to end my undergraduate career with.

**What are your responsibilities with this title?**

***Leighann:*** I have the responsibility of representing the student body to the best of my ability as well as choosing a platform with Mr. NSU to represent and complete a service project for.

***TJ:*** As far as responsibilities go, it kind of varies with Dr. Henderson. Me and Leighann are doing some initiatives, kind of like community service. We may have to speak during the convocation at graduation. We will have to make a few appearances at a few meetings, but we definitely want to do that to push our community service initiative that we are trying to do.

**What advice would you give freshmen to be successful in college?**

***Leighann:*** I would tell freshmen to get involved as much as possible during their time at Northwestern. To be successful in college you need to fully immerse yourself in Northwestern State, both academically and socially. Learning to balance both aspects is the final piece to making sure you are successful in college; time management is key!

***TJ:*** Make the most of your experience! I am the type of person, don't knock it till you try it. Get involved as much as you can. Develop lifelong relationships and just continue to strive and succeed in any and every aspect. Make the most out of your college experience! It is always good to get involved as much as you can and resume build!

At the annual Halloween party on the back porch of the Creative and Peforming Arts building, art students along with department head Matt Deford, pose for a quick group photo in their costumes with their forks up.

# Witchwayto *Northwestern?*

***Students celebrate Halloween in a variety of ways, expressing their cultures and personalities***

When most think of Halloween, they think horror movies, haunted houses and costume contests. On Halloween, if you take a walk around campus, you can find many students dressed up in interesting, original costumes or sporting original make-up designs.

One of the most anxiously awaited events of the fall semester for visual art and graphic design students is the art department Halloween party. Students and professors alike put a lot of though and effort into creating the perfect costume. At any given moment, you can walk by, grab food and check out everyone's creative costumes and make-up.

Senior Alex Benson enjoyed the festivities with her friends and fellow students. "I went as a fortune teller, which was great because I got to create a wild make-up look to go with my costume," Benson said.

While it is fun to dress up, seeing other students' costumes can be even more fun. "My favorite part was seeing everyone else's costumes. They were so creative which is what you would expect from the art department," Benson said.

Some demons have other ways of celebrating the holiday, and special traditions they share with their families. Arin Ammons, sophomore Business Administration major, reminisced that she and her twin used to dress up and trick or treat with friends from their childhood.

Whether dressing up as fortune teller or the Cheshire Cat, Halloween is a fun and interesting time of year for Northwestern Demons.

**Megan Palmer, Writer**
**Rachel Neathamer, Photographer**

Professor Matt DeFord (Right) dressed as his friend and colleague, Professor Corbin Covher (Left) for the art department's Halloween party.

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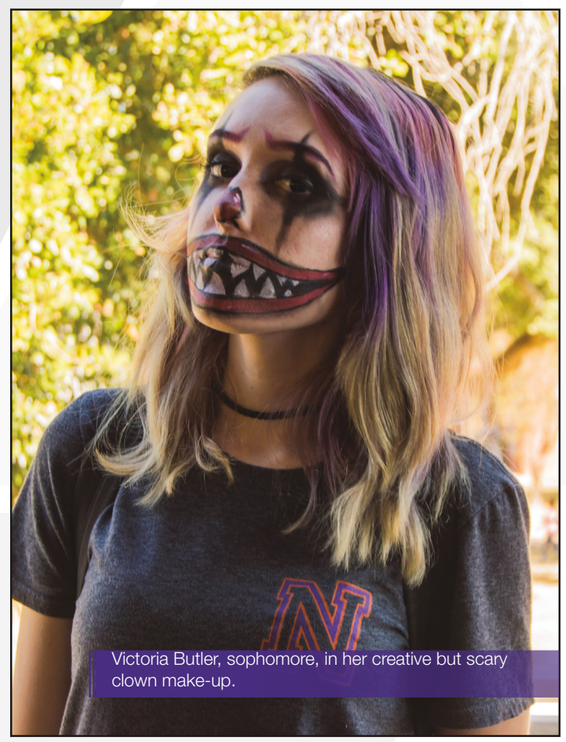

Victoria Butler, sophomore, in her creative but scary clown make-up.

# Monster Make-up

*One person at NSU is so immersed that she plans her own makeup/costumes for Halloween months in advance. These are intricate and mind-blowing designs that she plans iduring the summer before Halloween. Courtney Page, senior biology major, has put different designs onto her face every Halloweek at NSU since her freshman year.*

## How long does a design usually take?

Page: It really depends on the intricacy of the design and how perfect I want it to be. If I am going off of a reference photo, I try to put my own spin on it. Most of my make-ups average out at 30-45 minutes, the longest taking 2 hours, shortest, 10 minutes.

## When did you start doing the designs?

Page: I started my freshman year at NSU. I always preferred a scary Halloween over a sexy Halloween, so during my first semester I began planning out my Halloween ideas early on. I don't quite remember why, but one night I decided to try out a basic skeleton face makeup. It came out much better than I anticipated, so inspiration struck. I kept practicing and by the time Halloween came around, I had decided to do a makeup every day of the week of Halloween, which was on a Thursday that year. I thought it was a good, fun way to start off my first college year, but I never really expected to keep doing it. I went to my first Rocky Horror Picture Show that year in my final makeup (a large "siren" mouth makeup) and even participated in the costume contest. My friends had to push me up there, and I didn't feel confident enough myself to think I could have a change. I was up against funny costumes, sexy outfits, and a couple scary ones, too. It was audience applause based, and I made it to the last round of clapping votes. I looked at my competition and immediately thought "Well, court, you made it this far, be proud," thinking I had no shot at winning, but I did. After that week of trying out a new talent of mine, I decided to make it a yearly thing. I started planning for the next year over the summer and it stuck ever since! I have loved it every year; it has been my way of doing something I love during a week of the year that I wouldn't be looked at too weirdly.

## What has been you most favorite one?

Page: My favorite makeup has to be my Siren Mouth from freshman year, but Pyramid Head is my pride and joy out of all my Halloweek makeup/costumes.

## What are some of the reactions you have gotten from people?

Page: I have received anything from weird looks, high fives, students running away, muffled snickers, and genuine interest in how I do it. My insecurities used to be much more sensitive, but doing them has actually helped quite a lot. Freshman year I worried what people thought and barely walked around campus, but senior year I had no reservations in walking around campus as any of my makeups. In the end, I learned it doesn't matter what people think, do what makes you happy.

## What kinds of materials do you use the most?

Page: Eyeshadow! I have used acrylic paint, ProPaint, eyeshadow palettes I never used before, fake blood, paper towels, liquid latex, lipstick, and even Sharpies. I wouldn't advise using non-makeup items as makeups, but I won't lie and say they haven't worked like a charm!

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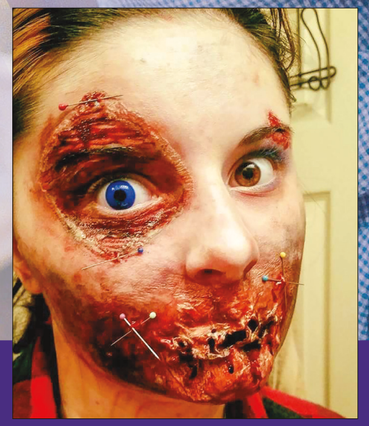

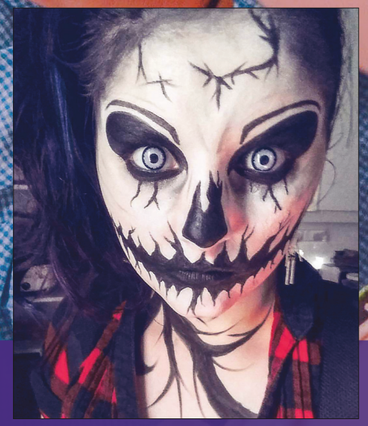

While Page's Pyramid Head costume is her most well-known, students can see her wearing a variety of make-up syles during Hallo-week. Shown above is a glimpse into her many creative make-up schemes from this year.

LEFT: Meghan Hobgood poses during the show. MIDDLE: Jade Duthu, Jesse Kortus and Macie Barrios play Magenta, Riff Raff and Columbia, perpectively. RIGHT: Andrew Palmintier sticks out his tongue during a part of the show.

# I remember doing the TIME WARP...

One of the most anticipated Northwestern Halloween traditions is the Student Theater Organization's performance of "Rocky Horror Picture Show." This musical is a comedy horror show that features a couple with a broke down car, a mad scientist/alien transvestite and his living muscle man that was created in his lab. The musical at NSU was taken from the original "Rocky Horror Picture Show" in 1975. Since the first performance on campus eleven years ago, "Rocky Horror" as it is referred to by students, has remained a Halloween must for students.

"I thought it was pretty neat considering I've seen the musical and it was done in a completely different way. I loved how risqué it was and the way they got the audience involved," said Konnor Cormier, a freshman Secondary Education major.

Jhalon Thomas, the leader for the Student Theater Organization, said that this is the fifth annual showing by STO. Even though his official role was dance captain for the musical, he also had to handle the administrative and logical aspects of the show. The show is practiced in under a month because that is the tradition. Thomas commented that even through hurt feet, long nights, tears, day long rehearsals and many more soul crushing moments, it all magically falls into place to be something [illegible] "The show is just one of those experiences, especially for freshman and sophomore theater and dance students, that you just have to be a part of. Being a member of the show in any capacity opens you up to the most extreme levels of vulnerability and you have to be completely comfortable with yourself and those around you because if not it will read in a very bad way."

According to Thomas, being a part of the risqué cult classic gives the performers a chance for personal growth. "Speaking from personal experience, when I came into college I barely wanted to take off my shirt and swim in front of other people let alone sing and dance naked in front of the entire campus community. However, being part of the show really opened my eyes to my true self worth and I discovered how to be proud of my body and in my own skin and then dressing up provocatively became nothing."

Each performer is given the task of "dressing as their own version of 'sexy,'" giving each student the option to dress to their own confidence and style.

At the end of the day, the amount of personality and confidence of the cast is what makes STO's rendition of The Rocky Horror Picture Show a beloved Halloween tradtion for NSU Demons

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Rachel Neathamer, Photographer

From left to right, Jackson Driggers, Jhalon Thomas, Andrew Palmintier, Jason Smith and Mark Payton sing a men's number for the show.

Charles Anderson Jr., senior, played Dr. Frankenfurter, the mad scientist transvestite, in Northwestern's portrayal of Rocky Horror Picture Show.

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From left to right, Cassidy Giddens, Paige Cox, Kathleen Oviedo, Genna Cornett and Jennifer Vo sing a women's number during Rocky Horror Picture Show.

# RACE TO THE WHITE HOUSE

*SGA hosts an election party for students to watch the 2016 Presidental Election results with others of the same party affiliation*

2016 marked a big year in the world of politics. Barack Obama's term is over and the Republican and Democratic parties have chosen their candidates: Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton.

This election was met with much animosity from the media and the public. There were several scandals revealed on each side of the political race which made the public question each candidates ability to lead our country in the right direction.

The Trump University scandal is still under investigation, Trump's remarks about sexual assault on women is still being largely talked about and his platform on building a wall along the Mexican-American border had the public questioning his true motives as becoming president.

The Benghazi e-mail scandal had many Clinton fans doubting her ability to keep classified information secret, but her qualifications in the world of politics kept some of the nation holding to the belief that she was best suited for the presidency

As November 8, 2016 neared, the public was not sure which candidate was going to win. Both were strong contenders and had numerous supporters. NSU's Student Government Association hosted an Election Party in the Student Union. Republican's were in the Cane River Room and the Democrats were in the President's Room.

The Democratic room was filled with people all night long, which the Republican room seemed to be the least popular room out of the two. The energy in both rooms was very uplifting and friendly. The people who attended the election day party were friendly and interacted with one another, while keeping the topic of conversation on the election and discussing scenarios of what the turnout would be.

"I'd say it's just mostly that I'd prefer an outsider than someone who has been in politics," a student who wishes to remain anonymous said. "Someone who will actually do something with their position and does not have as many scandals as the other candidate."

However, after Trump was elected, people started to act on their anger towards the results. Clinton supports rioted in protest to the results and Trump supporters began acting out. NSU even had a reported sexual assault that was linked to Trump being elected.

"I was scared mostly for the people that could be affected by this," sophomore theatre major Macie Barrios said. "I feel like because Trump won, it made people think that they could do whatever they wanted."

The public has calmed down from the election results and normal life has resumed. Many people are curious to see how Trump's first year as president will play out, and they are hopeful that things will all turn out fine.

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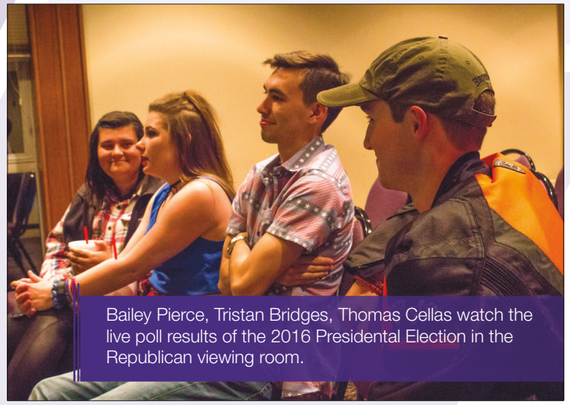
Students in the Democratic room celebrate a win for Clinton early in the evening before the tides turned in Trump's favor.



Bailey Pierce, Tristan Bridges, Thomas Cellas watch the live poll results of the 2016 Presidental Election in the Republican viewing room.

Thomas Cellas poses for a photo with his Trump support sign. Building a wall along the Mexican-American border is one of the highlights of Trump's campaign.

# City of *Lights*

Christmas in Natchitoches is always a celebration – rain or shine. This year, due to a torrential downpour, the Christmas Festival was cancelled for the first time since 1959. However, the weather had little effect on the Christmas spirit of the people of Natchitoches.

Many gathered at family homes and surrounding parties, while many of the students flocked to Christmas on the Hill, Kappa Alpha's yearly Christmas party. Complete with a live band, students danced and enjoyed their last weekend before finals.

The riverbank vendors and entertainment for the weekend were postponed until the following Saturday, but the fireworks resumed as planned. Many were anxious that the rain would kill the magic of the fireworks, but as fate would have it, the sprinkles stopped as the fireworks shot off and held off until the last explosion in the sky.

Despite the unfortunate turn of events for the weekend, NSU students and Natchitoches residents still knew how to make the best of a bad situation. The following weekend, Front Street flooded with students, tourists, and family members, all enjoying the live music and fried foods, as the evening was topped off to a firework show, featuring the song "Believe" from The Polar Express and "In the Mood" by Glenn Miller, complete with people down the streets and riverbank singing along with the words. After all, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

**Kierstin Richter, writer**
**Kasi Patten, photographer**

# Christmas Gala

*Northwestern's School for the Creative and Performing Arts pulls out all the jingle bells and whistles for the single biggest theater production of the academic year*

Technicians run around, making sure lighting, microphones and other electronics are running smoothly for the coming performance. The dancers and singers all get changed for other scenes in a blink of an eye, while stage hands move props on and off the stage. Directors call out instructions for everyone through the microphones. Their world is the backstage of the A.A Fredericks Auditorium, where performers get ready for the 28th annual Christmas Gala.

The Christmas Gala is an important event for the CAPA division of Northwestern State University. This is the most expected and sold-out performance of the year for NSU. The production has attracted hundreds of thousands of people from around the reigion each year.

The Gala consists of nine performances in all including a 2015 performance at the Historic Strand Theater in Shreveport. The Christmas Gala comes to life by the work of over 400 dancers, drama students, vocalists, musicians, other artists and their professors. They spend many weeks, often going late into the night, ensuring the production is near-perfect for their audience. Many of the performers are exhausted with keeping up grades and trying to have their own lives, but the end result is what drives them to give it their all.

Erica Stanford, senior theater major with a concentration in design and technology, performed in the Gala as Cindy Cane, an emotional elf going on an adventure to find her joy.

In the beginning, she helped with painting and construction of the set as well as practicing in the numerous rehearsals before the first performance. When it came to backstage, she helped set up different scenes, wireless microphones and slid the mat out to catch the falling wooden toy soldiers.

"It was such a fun, and sometimes crazy, experience, but I wouldn't trade it for the world," Stanford said. "Being in such a role for my last gala was an honor and it's a memory I will always cherish."

The Christmas Gala wouldn't be complete without music to accompany it. The NSU Orchestra is comprised of many different instruments that all play a part in the production.

Hope Spaw, sophomore music education major, plays two of these instruments: the piccolo and flute in the orchestra. When she first came to NSU, she had no idea what Gala was nor what to expect from it. "Gala has shown me how dedicated everyone is in CAPA and their passion bleeds out in everything they do," Spaw said.

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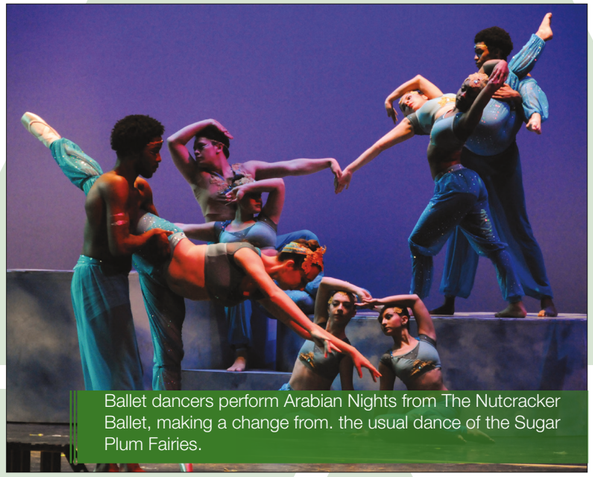
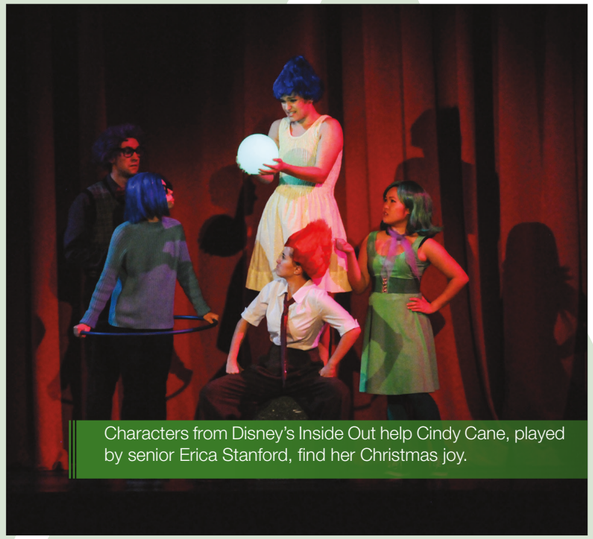


Ballet dancers perform Arabian Nights from The Nutcracker Ballet, making a change from. the usual dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies.



Characters from Disney's Inside Out help Cindy Cane, played by senior Erica Stanford, find her Christmas joy.

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> *- Erica Stanford, Sr.*

Erica Stanford, senior, plays Cindy Cane the underappreciated, emotional Christmas elf.

# Christmas Traditions

## *Students discuss their holiday traditions*

As the fall semester comes to a close, the holiday season begins. This time of year is particularly exciting in Natchitoches, as the town boasts over 300,000 Christmas lights and more than 100 set pieces. The season is filled with family, food and traditions that make it so special.

When asked about their favorite holiday traditions, most students list things like listening to festive music, lighting fireworks and drinking holiday drinks like egg nog and White Russians.

Billy Gorr, senior music education major, said his favorite thing about the holidays is the weather. "I like whenever it's cold and overcast because it gives you an excuse to stay nice and toasty by the fireplace inside and drink hot chocolate," Gorr said.

Another fun holiday tradition is watching festive movies like "Elf" and "Home Alone." When asked about their favorite holiday movies, most students answered either "A Christmas Story" or "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

Some students, however, have more unique traditions. Hollie Spillman said that every year her family plays a game called, "Cajun Christmas" which is sort of like "Dirty Santa." Gifts include items such moonshine and cigars.

Kaitlyn Rose said her family plays the game, "Pickle in the Christmas Tree." This is a game where on Christmas night while all the kids are asleep, an ornament shaped like a pickle is hung on the tree. The first kid to find it in the morning is rewarded either by being the first to open a present or by receiving an extra gift!

Luka Fagundes fondly remembered playing pranks with his little brother as a kid. "One year, in the middle of the night while everyone slept, me and my youngest brother undecorated the tree and hung it upside down from the ceiling fan," Fagundes said. "It was legendary."

This time of year is so beloved for a reason; it just doesn't get any better than sitting around a fire and sharing memories with the people you love most.

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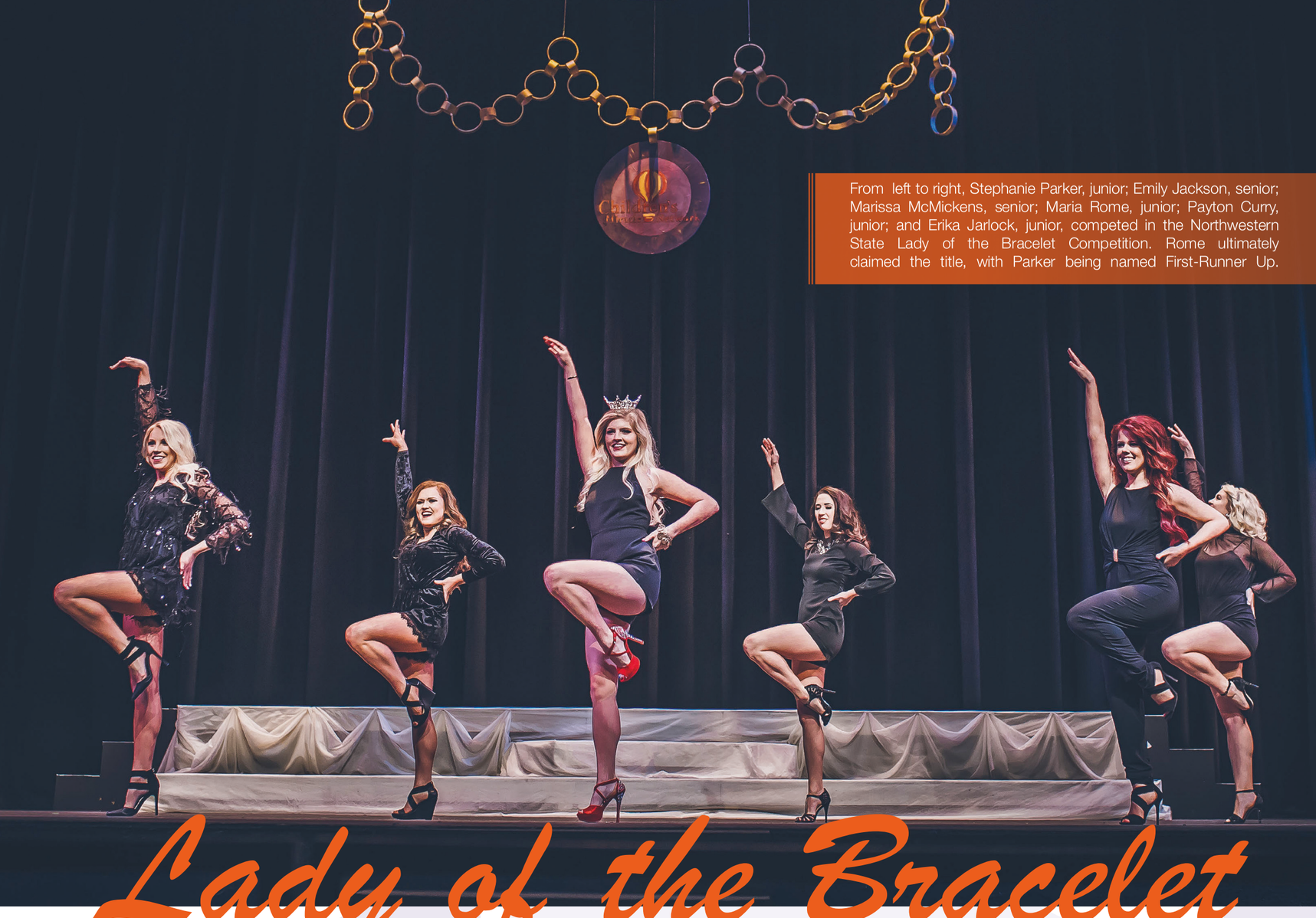

From left to right, Stephanie Parker, junior; Emily Jackson, senior; Marissa McMickens, senior; Maria Rome, junior; Payton Curry, junior; and Erika Jarlock, junior, competed in the Northwestern State Lady of the Bracelet Competition. Rome ultimately claimed the title, with Parker being named First-Runner Up.

# Lady of the Bracelet

The Miss Northwestern State Lady of the Bracelet competition has been held annually since 1959, now put on by the Student Activities Board. The Potpourri originally held a beauty pageant in the 1920s, and in 1959, Miss Kahne Dipola was crowned the first Miss Lady of the Bracelet. Each successor is passed down a gold bracelet to wear in public, as a sign of their achievement.

In 1971, the reigning queen became eligible to go on to compete in Miss Louisiana after the the franchise was purchased. Months of preliminary rounds and countless hours of practice go into this one night, where the ladies of Northwestern State University showcase their charm, talent, and grace in this historic beauty pageant, while also raising money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and advocating for different platforms.

This year, Justine Ker, Miss Louisiana 2016 acted as the Mistress of Ceremonies gracing the audience with her own talent of the afternoon; a classical piano performance. The reigning Lady of the Bracelet of 2016 was Marissa McMickens, from Pineville, Louisiana. She says that holding the title was a "long-awaited dream come true," adding that this had been the best year of her life and is "so sad to close this chapter."

Five girls competed for the title this year, including Emily Jackson, Senior; Erika Jarlock, Junior; Stephanie Parker, Junior; Maria Rome, Junior; and Payton Curry, Junior.

Each girl competed in an opening number all together, a swimsuit round, a question round regarding their platforms, an evening wear round, and a talent portion. Pageant entertainment included the Demon Dazzler Danceline, a performance by the cast of Next to Normal, produced by NSU Theater and Dance, NSU Tap, and the Make Your Own Theater Performance Troupe.

Rome was crowned the 2017 Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet, in addition to claiming the Liz Carroll People's Choice Award and the CMNH Miracle Maker Award. Parker was named First Runner Up, and also won in the swimsuit portion of the competition. Erika Jarlock won the talent portion with her musical theater performance, while Emily Jackson received the Miss Congeniality Award, a recognition voted on by the contestants themselves for the contestant who displays a friendly and welcoming attitude.

"The experience was nothing short of amazing," Rome said. "The other contestants were wonderful to work with, and they all performed beautifully! There were definitely some stressful moments but also very fun memorable moments.," Rome said of her overall experience. "I cannot express how excited I am to be representing NSU as Miss LOB. Without NSU I would not be the person I am today, and I think Miss LOB is the perfect way for me to give back to the school that has given me so much."

Rome will represent Northwestern State University at the Miss Louisiana Organization in June.

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**LEFT:** Stephanie Parker, junior, won the swimsuit portion of the competion in a stylish pink suit. **SECOND:** Juniormusicaltheatermajor,ErikaJarlock,belts "GimmieGimmie,"winningthetalentportionofthecompetition. **RIGHT:** Maria Rome, junior, smiles as her friends, family and Phi Mu sisters, including her Phi Mu big sister and former Lady of the Bracelet Marissa McMickens, cheer for her.

# What the FORK IS THERE TO DO IN NATCHITOCHES?

"What is there to do here?" This is something many students, especially freshmen, wonder. With our limited budgets and the small size of Natchitoches, many students end up holed up in their dorms watching Netflix.

As fun as Netflix binges can be, students can be assured that there are many options in Natchitoches, for after they've finished every episode of The Office.

Movie buffs can enjoy the Steel Magnolias Tour. This tour includes all the locations used in the classic 1989 movie, including The Steel Magnolia House, Lemee House, and the American Cemetery. To get the full experience, watch the movie afterward, and sit in amazement while you recognize all the places you've seen in real life.

Natchitoches is also home to many beautiful plantation homes, such as Melrose Plantation and Oakland Plantation. The beautiful scenery makes these homes a perfect destination for your next spontaneous road trip.

For students looking for a fun night out, the Press Box, the Body and Antoon's all offer their own unique vibe. Many of Natchitoches' bars and restaurants even offer live music on certain nights. The Pioneer Pub, which is a favorite of many students, has a live band every Thursday night.

"I'm frequently at the Pub or Maglieauxs" says, Trena Camp. "The owners of the Pub are very nice and the food is great. Maglieauxs is the same way, plus the acoustic set-up outside for live music is great."

Olivia Bridges says she enjoys going to 50 cent wing night at the Cove, and "Big C Night" at Papa's. "Both the Cove, and Papa's give great, relaxed environments to go and hang out with friends" says Bridges. "The food is super cheap and on point!"

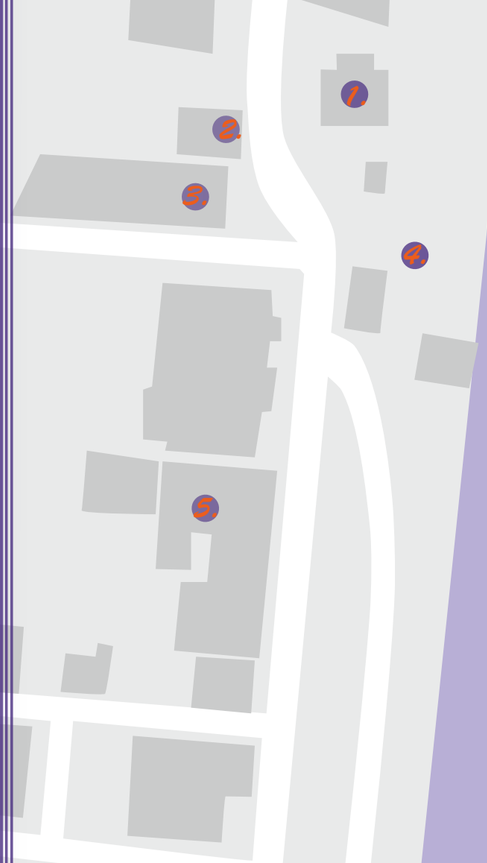
For students looking for more nature-oriented activities, Natchitoches offers many options. Beau Jardin, a beautiful garden setting overlooking the Riverbank, is perfect for relaxing and enjoying nature.

Luka Fagundes, says one his favorite things to do is walk his dog, Jett, around Front Street or Campus. "We both get to stretch our legs and it gives me a moment to ignore my phone and enjoy my surroundings" says Fagundes.

Although Natchitoches is small, there are plenty of things for everyone to do; all it takes is a little bit of exploring. Between the great food, the rich history, and the amazing people, it's easy to see why so many people choose to call this town, home.

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**
**Rachel Neathamer, Photographer**
**Josie Coutee, Photographer**



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### Maglieaux's

Maglieaux's is a cool little restuarant on the Natchitoches Riverbank. It has a very nice, affordable lunch menu. You can also come by on weekends to enjoy live music or sit out on the patio with the fried bread pudding. It brings a big city feel to a small town.

2.

### ThePioneerPub

It has the best beer variety in town, as well as a unique menu that is full of creative, delicious combinations. The atmosphere is great for a relaxing Friday night after a long week of classes and work. Here you can always find regulars and meet new people.

3.

### La.SportsHallofFame

4.

### BeauJardin

Cayla Mendow, a recent graduate, is a first year Masters of Fine Arts candidate at Northwestern's rival school, Stephen F. Austin. She is currently working as a graduate assistant designing advertisting material for art, music and theater events sponsored by the school.

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### NacitochesArtGuildGallery

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### BathhouseSoapery

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# Natchitoches Eats

If there's one thing that most college kids can agree on it's a love of food. When we have more than $3 in our bank accounts, there is nothing like treating ourselves to a meal that consists of something other than coffee and ramen noodles. I have consumed so many ramen noodles over the last two years that I am now able to identify which flavor a bowl of noodles is simply by the color of the broth. Ideally, most of us would go home for mom's homemade lasagna. However, for those who don't live near their families, restaurants are the next best thing. Unless of course you know how to cook, but who has the time for that? For this reason, I will list (in no particular order) my five favorite restaurants.

## CAFÉ DEMON

Because Fork'em! I drink coffee like Lorelai Gilmore, so I'm there quite often. They have a few food options, but I mostly go for the coffee. My favorite drink is the peppermint mocha but unfortunately that is only offered seasonally, so when that is not an option I get the mocha Frappuccino.

## RAISING CANE'S

I know Cane's is not exclusive to Natchitoches but let's be honest here: there's nothing better than chicken fingers. Nothing. Also, Cane's is relatively cheap and I find myself driving through more than I would like to admit. I've gained more than the Freshman 15 and I'm 90 percent sure most of it is Cane's.

*"If you're ever looking for a great new place to eat, check out these awesome destinations and remember: Food will never disappoint you. Fork'em!"*

*- Holly Jenkins*

## THE PUB

The Pub provides a laid back environment with great food and a great atmosphere. The owners have their own garden outside where they grow fresh ingredients like mint and banana peppers to use in their cooking. My favorite menu items are the Wookie, the Nachos, and the Smokehouse Pizza. Both the staff and customers are very friendly. Anytime I'm at the Pub it never fails that I end up in a deep conversation with someone I've never met before.

## HANA (Front Street Location)

I have clarified that I am referring to the Front Street location because the atmosphere is unbeatable. I usually order the Rock n' roll or the Tiger Roll but I like to branch out every now and then and I'm never disappointed. Also, I think we can all agree that edamame has no real taste but for some reason I always find myself finishing an entire bowl by myself.

## THE COVE/MARINER'S

Located on Sibley Lake, the Cove/Mariner's boasts a beautiful view, especially around sunset. Every Monday night my friends and I can be found at the Cove partaking in 50 cents wing night. The words "50 cents" and "wings" are two of my favorite words and together they form the most beautiful sentence I've ever heard.

Holly Jenkins, writer
Josie Coutee, photographer

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## Twitter Trends of 2016

**#GameofThrones**
The popular HBO show gained huge Twitter presence in the form of every possible meme known to man. Viewers live-tweeted as they watched the show and hashed out the best and worst of each week's new episode.

**#RIP**
2016 was the year that every time you turned on the TV, someone had died. The world lost great figures such as Muhammad Ali, Gene Wilder, Prince and David Bowie.

**#Trump**
The Election of 2016 is going to the one that goes down in history books as one of the most controversial elections in American history. Love him or hate him, Trump had a very strong Twitter presence, so it's no wonder everyone else was tweeting back at him.

Trends • Change

**#BlackLivesMatter**
As a result of the media spotlight on police brutality, the black activist group took a huge influence on Twitter, thus sparking the backlash of #AllLivesMatter

**#Brexit**
The UK said, "Bye Felecia" to the European Union, and the rest of the world sat with their mouths gaping open in shock – thus commencing a Twitter explosion.

**#Oscars**
Leonardo DiCaprio finally won an Oscar. We can all sleep peacefully now.

**#EURO2016**
Trending worldwide, June was all about the 2016 European Championship for men's football.

**#PokemonGo**
The reason Front Street looked like an episode of The Walking Dead – so many eyes glazed over phones looking for a Pokemon as the older men and women of Natchitoches watched with worried eyes, seeing college students absentmindedly walk in front of cars and into each other.

**#RIO2016**
Let's be real. We all just watched it for the gymnastics.

**#Election2016**
One of the most controversial elections ever, the election of 2016 was a huge Twitter trend, as Trump and Hillary fans duked it out on the Twitterverse, and all other third party supporters sat there and laughed.

Kierstin Richter, writer
Rachel Neathamer, photographer

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# ATHLETE!

# Purple Pizzazz *Pom Pon Line*

Terrye Moore dances during the Homecoming Parade

Stephanie Parker dances during the Demons Come Out at Night Pep Rally.

Candance Jones (left) and Kara Knippers paint family's faces at Family Day.

The 2016 Purple Pizzazz Pom Pom line consists of 29 ladies who all share one thing in common – their love for dance. A precision pom routine is a dance choreographed with strength and accuracy. It incorporates cheer motions with hip-hop and jazz technique.

Pom line is the best of both worlds, a combination of dance and cheer. Pom line performs on the sidelines of home football and basketball games, along with during the half-time. They also march in the annual Homecoming parade and perform at various events in Natchitoches.

This year, long-time members of Pom line Stephanie Parker and Caroline Aydelott are captains of the team.

"Since I first joined pom line my freshman year, the team atmosphere has evoled in a positive way," Parker said. "We are all friends inside and outside of practice."

Pom line requires dedication. Practices are Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 a.m. They also have practice on Fridays and workouts on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. "Being on this team requires dedication," Aydelott said.

Pom line also conducts fundraisers and participates in service opportunities throughout the year.

Parker loves the opportunity for service that pom line provides. "Being on Pom Line can be a lot, but it is worth the extra time put in when it comes to helping out the community," Parker said. "We don't get much time off because we are always trying to better ourselves as a team and as individuals."

Pom line not only serves as an extracurricular for women with a passion for dance, but also as a NSU staple that continues to impress the crowds at halftime.

Jessie Gabor, Writer
Karalee Scouten, Photographer
Rachel Neathamer, Photographer

# NSU *Cheerleaders*

Courtney Bergeron, Jasmine Ealy, Bailey Hargrove, Lakyn Ward, Sarah Gandy and Avery Monrose lead the NSU Cheerleaders out onto the field.

Kevaun McCall, Jasmine Ealy, Trey Latino and Annalise Austin pose for a quick fork 'em during a game.

Stacey Fussell shows the crowd a big cheers at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Lakyn Ward performs a stunt during the Homecoming Parade.

Although the football players may take a beating on the field, the cheerleaders on the sidelines are the hardcore daredevils. Try throwing, or being thrown, up into the air, balancing on one hand, and still maintaining a bright smile and perfect posture. Sounds difficult, right? Well, NSU's cheerleaders know the definition of hard work to get there. They practice three days a week, two hours a day, to perfect their stunts and defy gravity, all the while looking incredible.

"Cheer has been such an amazing experience for me that I never imagined I would have," Senior, Trey Latino said. "I joined the squad last year and have loved every moment of it, from football games to practices to just having a good time. I will say that my favorite part of cheer is the stunting, and people will always ask me if I can do that 'one arm thing.'" Latino said he wishes he would have joined the team earlier because it has been one of the highlights of his college career.

The cheerleaders don't just work hard in practice or on the field, but they also have to fundraise the cost of their uniforms and equipment. Latino adds, "I really wish we did have more funding support though because right now, we have to fundraise to get cheer apparel for practices and events and also have to pay for our buses to travel to the away games."

"It means a lot to be a part of NSU cheer," sophomore, Courtney Bergeron, said. "it has given me plenty of opportunities to meet new people and grow together as a team."

Although cheerleading is popularly believed to be a female dominated sport, there are more guys than girls on NSU's squad. "I advise any guy to try it out – it's not a weird thing at all since you have to be so strong to do it," Latino said. This year was Eli Durr's first year on the team. Like most guys on the squad, he didn't have any prior cheer experience, but took the challenge. "It's a lot of fun and it really shows you what you're capable of," Durr said. "I've done things I never thought I would be doing a year ago. It's hard raising money to do the things we want, but it's worth it being able to experience games on the sidelines and traveling with NSU. It's has made my time here more worthwhile."

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**
**Karalee Scouten, Photographer**
**Kasi Patten, Photographer**

Jasmine Ealy cheers during a football game.

# Demon Heat
## Color Guard

Jonas Richardson holds out his flag at a home game.

Alexis Rice performs at a home football game.

The Demon Heat Colorguard brings color and visuals to the field with different types of equipment. The Demon Heat practices through the cold, hot and even dreaded wind. They work on routines with precision and skills. The team usually stays outside to work on sets while the band gets to go inside for music. They have a marching season where they perform with the band, and they have a spring competition season called winter guard. Wherever the Demon Heat goes to though, they demand everyone's eyes watch them perform. The Demon Heat performers incorporate flags, rifles and sabers into their routines. Flags can have different designs on the fabric that relate to the theme of the show. Rifles are more difficult to use since they are smaller and heavier. Sabers are the easiest to use since they are light weight. Sabers have a plastic, metal or plastic covered metal blade that sometimes has a design on it. These items all have different methods for guard members to produce movements. They usually perform a dance that correlates with the marching show. It can have styles from jazz, ballet and sometimes lyrical depending on the show. It can be challenging to perform all this without knowing one simple word: multi-tasking.

Multitasking is something that every member of the Demon Heat must be aware of. They have to count, march, spin different equipment in sync and keep up a smile to dazzle the crowd. They must also keep up a positive attitude for the entire show, even if they happen to mess up. Smiling is one of the key things any and every color guard member has to remember. It is even more important when the judges can see up close when the team is in enclosed spaces

When the marching season ends is when the Demon Heat gets to shine brighter. Winter guard is a color guard only spring competition that uses a gym or an indoor arena. This is where the color guard is more vibrant and everything is more intricate. The team uses a floor tarp and props that are a part of the theme. They wear costumes and use prominent makeup to get more into character. Since they do not have a band, they use a CD to perform with. Winter guard is something that makes a color guard team work harder than ever before.

"This year we are actually hosting our own winter guard competition here at NSU," junior section leader of the Demon Heat Colorguard, Alexis Rice, said. "This is the first time I have ever heard of this being done. As of now, we are unsure of what our show is, but they are usually very fun and hyped because we use this for major recruiting,"

Megan Palmer, Writer
Karalee Scouten, Photos
Stephanie Leger, Photos
Steven Sheerin, Photos

# DEMON *Dazzlers*

Elizabeth Geurro

Brea Housely throws up a fork during the Demons Come Out at Night Pep Rally.

Morgan Humphries, Maci Burt, Mallory Martinez, Alison Turk and Elaina Geuerro wave while they ride on their Homecoming Float.

Mercedes Mattes, senior, holds her hand over her heart for the National Anthem.

The Demon Dazzlers are the precision jazz line and auxiliary unit to the Spirit of Northwestern band. These women dazzle us with their extraordinary talent at football games, the Lady of the Bracelet pageant, Christmas Gala, Junior and Senior days and many other campus events.

Dazzlers stand out for their style of dance. They are known for incorporating jazz and ballet into their routines.

Rachel Taylor, team captain, Scarlett Saizan, co-captain, and Allison Dupree, team lieutenant, all work together to choreograph the routines. Occasionally choreography can be a group effort and have the Dazzlers' input.

Performing so often and in front of so many people calls for many days of practice. For the dancers, this means Monday through Friday practices, some of which are at 8 am. Besides daily practices, dancers are required to take an extra dance class each semester.

"It can be extremely difficult to balance all of the practices and extra requirements on top of classes," Emily Williams, sophomore accounting major, said. "At the end of the week, being on the field preforming and seeing all the happy faces in the stand watching is the biggest reward. It is even more rewarding for me because I remember watching my cousin dancing for the Dazzlers and now I am doing the same."

Many bonds have been formed between the women of the team and consider each other a family. Mallory Martinez, freshman psychology major, said, "Being a part of the Dazzler Family is so great. I know I can count on these girls for anything I need."

"My favorite part has been dancing on the field and being in a spirit group of such an amazing college like NSU," Martinez said.

**Autumn Blanchard, Writer**
**Karalee Scouten, Photographer**

# Spirit of NORTHWESTERN

David Jenkins playing the snare drum.

Alex Fertney conducting The Spirit of Northwestern

Hope Spaw playing the mellophone.

Northwestern is known throughout the reigion for their music programs. Every year, students come to the program, ready to start what will be a difficult but very rewarding journey. The Spirit of Northwestern, which is NSU's marching band, is made up of over 300 hardworking and dedicated students who are consistently recognized for their talent and love of music.

"The best part about being in band is being associated with 300 people," senior Trena Camp said. "Everyone in band just wants to be friends and have a good time. Being in band has helped me to learn how to be positive. It can be very easy to be negative when you're marching on a blacktop in 100 degree weather. However, it's completely different when you switch your mind to just be positive and motivated to get things done. Time goes by smoothly when you're not being a drag."

Band member, Aaron Martin, marched Blue Coats this summer. Every year, Drum Corps International recruits people from all of the world to compete and this year Blue Coats won the championship.

"Marching with Bluecoats is definitely the hardest thing I've done in my life so far," Martin said. "I marched in another corp for three years before that and I never made finals! Just making finals with Bluecoats was amazing and when I won a world championship it was the greatest feeling ever. When I started band in 7th grade I had little to no interest in it but it turned out to be the best decision of my life"

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**
**Stephanie Leger, Photographer**
**Alec Horton, Photographer**

# FOOTBALL

Practicing over three hours a day, every day, the Demons had a chance to really grow as a team this season. De'Mard Llorens, a senior running back from Natchitoches, was recognized on the All-Southland Conference team, as well as Cameron Hussey from Houston, Texas, center for the Demons.

Senior punt returner Shakeir Ryan, junior safety Austin Balthazor, junior kicker Eric Piccione, and sophomore offensive lineman Chris Zirkle received honorable mention recognition.

The Demons destroyed Kentucky Wesleyan in early October with a final score of 49-7. Although the team had a rough season, the players had an opportunity for personal growth. "Despite the record, this season taught us how to grow as football players and as men to overcome adversity by never quitting no matter how bad things got," senior defensive tackle Garron Featherston said.

"I would say being on the team has really matured me a lot," Brice Borgeson said. "It has taught me a lot about managing my time because being a student athlete is very time consuming and it has disciplined me a lot."

"The whole program is one big family, and everyone pushes everyone to work harder and to become better," Borgeson said. "It has been a great experience and the lessons we have learned by being on the team will not only help us on the field but it will help us a lot as we get out in the real world."

The Demons have definitely grown as a family, both on and off the field.

Although most of the players are from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, some come to play from other sides of the naton, even as far as California. "It is a privilege to be able to play the game I love with so many talented teammates that all have each other's back," Koby Welch, junior, said. The ability that we have here is the best in the conference and we are already back working."

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**
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**Karalee Scouten, Photographer**

De'Mard Llorens, senior running back, runs the ball during the Homecoming game while tight end Lucas Morgan blocks McNeese linebacker Christian Jacobs.

Linebacker Koby Welch, junior, tackles senior tight end, Ragan Henderson, from Sam Houston as he moves the ball towards the end zone.

Wide receiver Bobby Chan-Chan, catches the ball in the end zone, scoring a touchdown in the Homecoming game against McNeese State.





## GAME-TO-GAME STATS

| Date | Opponent | Score |
|---|---|---|
| 09/02/16 | at Baylor | L, 7-55 |
| 09/08/16 | vs Incarnate Word | L, 21-18 |
| 09/17/16 | at Central Arkansas | L, 10-24 |
| 09/24/16 | at Southeastern La. | L, 24-34 |
| 10/08/16 | vs Kentucky Wesleyan | W, 49-7 |
| 10/15/16 | at Lamar University | L, 31-32 |
| 10/22/16 | vs McNeese | L, 48-27 |
| 10/29/16 | vs Nicholls | L, 31-14 |
| 11/05/16 | at Abilene Christian | L, 22-25 |
| 11/12/16 | vs Sam Houston State | L, 48-16 |
| 11/19/16 | at Stephen F. Austin | L, 31-45 |

## ROSTER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bobby Chan-Chan | WR |
| 4 | Isaac Warren | CB |
| 5 | J.D. Almond | QB |
| 5 | Lyn Clark | LB |
| 6 | Justin Barnes | S |
| 7 | Chris Fuller | WR |
| 8 | Ryan Reed | S |
| 10 | Austin Balthazor | S |
| 10 | Glenn Irons | WR |
| 11 | Lionel Williams | LB |
| 13 | Kenny Sears | QB |
| 14 | Bryson Bourque | WR |
| 14 | Parker Pastorello | P |
| 15 | Nick Pierotti | LB |
| 16 | Desmond Lacey | S |
| 17 | Raequelo Heard | S |
| 17 | Luke Termin | DE |
| 18 | Ronald Malbrough | S |
| 18 | Kendrick Price | WR |
| 19 | Ronald Green | RB |
| 20 | Chris Jones | RB |
| 20 | Malik Sonnier | CB |
| 21 | Jared West | RB |
| 22 | Da'Von Smith | RB |
| 23 | Nicholas Forde | RB |
| 24 | Ian Edwards | CB |
| 27 | Manuel Mukes | S |
| 27 | Christopher Taylor | WR |
| 28 | Nigel Dora | RB |
| 29 | D'Ronne Littleton | CB |
| 30 | Jason Charles | WR |
| 30 | Eric Waters | S |
| 31 | Tevyn Johnson | S |
| 31 | Charles Vaughn | FB |
| 32 | Darian Raymond | DB |
| 35 | Jermaine Walker | CB |
| 36 | Corban James | LB |
| 37 | Eric Piccione | K/P |
| 38 | Chrishard Buhl | LB |
| 39 | Tyreik Campbell | RB |
| 40 | Koby Welch | LB |
| 42 | Christian Bluiett | DL |
| 42 | Gavin Landry | WR |
| 43 | Peyton Guidry | LB |
| 45 | Dezinarell Gray | LB |
| 47 | Roderick Ross | S |
| 49 | Cody Nelson | LS |
| 50 | Ricky Chatman | LB |
| 51 | Dannie Harmon | DE |
| 52 | Desmond Prejean | DE |
| 53 | Brice Borgeson | LB |
| 57 | Timmis Bonner | OL |
| 58 | Benny Broadway | PK |
| 59 | Jalen Haydel | OL |
| 61 | Frank Boudreaux | OL |
| 63 | Jacob Kiser | C |
| 64 | Andrew McAlister | OL |
| 66 | Isaiah Carpenter | OL |
| 68 | Demetrius Boulieu | OL |
| 70 | Jonathan Hubbard | OL |
| 70 | Khalil Sumlin | DT |
| 72 | Korliss Johnson | OL |
| 73 | Zachary Perry | OL |
| 74 | Chris Zirkle | OL |
| 75 | Dustin Burns | OL |
| 76 | Andrew Bluiett | OL |
| 77 | Eduardo Balderas | OL |
| 78 | Lawson Scott | OL |
| 79 | Matt Briggs | OL |
| 82 | William Mafi | WR |
| 83 | Deylon Key | WR |
| 84 | Deshon Ficklin | LB |
| 85 | Cameron Lazare | WR |
| 86 | Lucas Morgan | TE |
| 87 | Ethan Smith | TE |
| 88 | Tyler O'Donoghue | TE |
| 91 | Charlie Matthews | DT |
| 92 | Tremaine Whittley | DE |
| 93 | Austyn Fendrick | PK/P |
| 94 | Zak Krolczyk | DT |
| 95 | Isaiah Wheeler | DT |
| 96 | Cam Hooper | DE |
| 98 | Josh Roberts | OL |
| 99 | Garron Featherson | DT |

## GAME-TO-GAME STATS

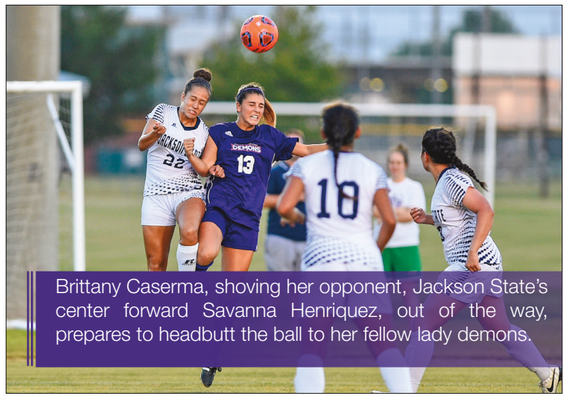
| Date | Opponents | Score |
|---|---|---|
| 08/19/16 | at Little Rock | W, 2-0 |
| 08/21/16 | at Ole Miss | L, 0-3 |
| 08/25/16 | at SMU | L, 0-8 |
| 09/02/16 | vs Jackson State | W, 3-0 |
| 09/04/16 | vs Texas Wesleyan | W, 6-0 |
| 09/09/16 | at UTSA | L, 1-3 |
| 09/11/16 | at Texas State | L, 0-1 |
| 09/16/16 | vs Stephen F. Austin | L, 0-1 |
| 09/23/16 | at Lamar University | W, 1-0 |
| 09/25/16 | at McNeese | W, 2-1 |
| 09/30/16 | vs Abilene Christian | W, 2-1 |
| 10/02/16 | vs Incarnate Word | W, 1-0 |
| 10/07/16 | at SHSU | W, 3-2 |
| 10/14/16 | at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi | L, 0-1 |
| 10/16/16 | at HBU | W, 2-1 |
| 10/21/16 | vs Nicholls | T, 0-0 |
| 10/23/16 | vs Southeastern | W, 4-0 |
| 10/28/16 | at Central Arkansas | L, 0-2 |
| 11/02/16 | vs McNeese | L, 0-1 |

## ROSTER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 00 | Alex Latham | GK |
| 0 | Cadence Starr | GK |
| 1 | Kayla Bomben | GK |
| 2 | Amy Renteria | D/MF |
| 3 | Taylor Campbell | D |
| 4 | Jayden Wheeler | D |
| 5 | Ysmina Smith | D/MF |
| 6 | Gabby Veneziale | D/F |
| 7 | Andrea Rodriguez Flores | F/MF |
| 8 | Patry Carrion | MF |
| 9 | Cayla Klinger | MF |
| 10 | Sage Leffew | D |
| 11 | Jasmine Juarez | D/MF |
| 12 | Olivia Marazzo | D/MF |
| 13 | Brittany Caserma | F |
| 14 | Courtney LeJeune | D |
| 15 | Camila Ardila | MF |
| 16 | Jordy Warren | D/MF |
| 17 | Chandler Monk | MF |
| 18 | April Ficarrotta | F/MF |
| 19 | April Trowbridge | F/MF |
| 20 | Kelsey Lewis | MF/F |
| 21 | Payton Roney | F/MF |
| 22 | Mackenzie Geier | D |
| 23 | Esdeina Gonzalez | F/MF |
| 24 | Peyton Rector | D |
| 26 | Jacqueline Manza | F |
| 27 | Shelby Drope | MF |
| 30 | Cache' Haley | F/MF |
| 31 | Mia Taranto | GK |

# SOCCER

Junior midfielder Esdeina Gonzales races to beat Jackson State's Sierra Carrington and Arriana Rieland to the ball.



Brittany Caserma, shoving her opponent, Jackson State's center forward Savanna Henriquez, out of the way, prepares to headbutt the ball to her fellow lady demons.

For seven years, the Northwestern women's soccer team has been on a downfall. However, all of that changed this season. This season not only made up for the last seven years, but achieved things that have not happened since 2004. The ladies won a whopping seven conference wins, which has not happened since 2004. They ended the season with 10 wins, eight losses and one draw. At the end of the regular season, the Southland Conference picks the best players from every team in the league and puts them on a team to compete with other conferences

This year was the first time since 2005 that Northwestern had multiple women soccer athletes picked for the first team. Alex Latham, junior, was a first team goalkeeper pick and Patry Carrion, senior, was a first team defender pick. The Southland Conference also gives awards to outstanding players voted on by the coaches. Two from the NSU Women's Soccer team won one. Latham won the SLC Award for Goalkeeper of the Year. April Trowbridge, sophomore, received the SLC Award for Newcomer of the Year.

The Southland Conference not only rewards women for their hard work on the field, but also off the field. Three athletes got their spot on the SLC All-Academic first team: Latham, Carrion, and Esdeina Gonzales. From the SLC Conference first team, women move onto being consider to receive positions on the All-Louisiana Women's Collegiate Soccer team. Two women from NSU received that honor: Latham and Carrion. However, Gonzalez and Trowbridge both received honorable mentions

But the greatness does not stop there. Coach George Van Linder was awarded Co-Coach of the Year with Louisiana Tech's coach. This had not happened since 2002. This season took a tremendous amount of effort and hard work to make it possible, some of which can be accredited to the NSU coaches: George Van Linder, Jason Cherry, Karoline Guidry and Dustin Chadwick. With the kind of greatness that happened this past season, it is no wonder that Demon fans everywhere are highly anticipating the 2017 season.

**Ashley Wisthoff, Writer**
**Photos submitted by NSU Sports Information**

April Trowbridge, sophomore forward, runs the ball down the field.

# CROSS COUNTRY

*Demons*

The NSU men's cross country team had experienced new things happening in the Fall 2016 season. Towards the end of August 2016, Chris Sauer was chosen to become the distance head coach for the NSU cross country teams. Sauer has been involved with cross country from his high school life to now. He went to Sparta High School in New Jersey where he was six-time team captain and holds many school records in six events. Sauer joined Stony Brook University's cross country team. There he was named team captain and helped capture the American East Cross Country Championship in 2012. He later went back and became a volunteer assistant. While here, Sauer will also be pursuing a master's degree.

The men's cross country at NSU started out with nine runners. Josh Wilkins, a returning runner said that coach Sauer was a good coach so far. "It was hard to trust him at first because he was new and was my third coach at NSU," Wilkins said. As the seasons go by and I progress, I'm starting to trust and gain a good coach and athlete connection."

Their first big test for the new season started at the Louisiana Tech Mook Triple-Duals at Tech Farm. Josh Wilkins sought to win the meet that year as he had done in 2014. At the meet, Josh Wilkins scored fifth-place with the time of 21:14.

For the men's side, the only runner who could not participate in the McNeese Cowboy Stampede was Hunter Wamack due to a minor injury. Their times for this meet were toped from their previous one in Ruston. Wilkins battled for and won second place overall with 15:40 being his time.

Also besting their previous meet time was: Anson Ballows (31st with 17:53), Grant Butts (33rd with 18:04), and Jacob Dahloff finishing 45th with 19:23.6. The "Choctaw Trails" had been the last meet in the regular season. Going to the meet was Anson Ballow, Grant Butts, Tyler Corwin, Jacob Dahlhoff, Jacob Hammons, Tony Renteria, and Josh Wilkins. Coach Sauer saw this meet as being a primer for the Southland Conference Championship. Corwin and Dahlhoff showed great mental fortitude with their race as did all of the members. They were ready for the Conference to arrive

The team was whole again for the championship as Hunter Wamack rejoined after recovering from his minor injury. The Southland Conference Championship was held at Stephen F. Austin's Pecan Acres City Park in Nacagdoches, Texas. The Demons placed 11th out of the 13-team fields. Josh Wilkins became the top performer with ranking 23rd with a time of 25:11.7 in the 8k event. "It's a good accomplishment," Wilkins said. "While I was at the top, the goal for me was to lead by example and motivate my teammates to continue to put in the work."

The other Demons finished off 87th with 29:00.5 (Anson Ballow), 88th with 29:25.6 (Dylan Dunford), 89th with 29:40.7 (Jacob Dahlhoff), 90th with 29:42.0 (Grant Butts), 92nd with 32:22.9 (Tyler Corwin) and lastly 93rd with 32:34.5 (Anthony Renteria).

The team made many improvements throughout the season that showed their competitiveness. "Seeing the same faces, and having the same training will help them out a lot," Coach Sauer said. "They have improved quite a bit since last season." He is looking forward to this current indoor season and many more to come.

Joshua Wilkins became Northwestern's top performer in Cross Country for the 2016 season.

## SCOREBOARD

9/17/16 — 4 miles

**La Tech Mook Triple Duals**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joshua Wilkins | 21:14.0 | 5th |
| Dylan Dunford | 24:10.0 | 26th |
| Lorence Ballow | 24:48.0 | 32nd |
| Hunter Warmack | 24:56.0 | 33rd |
| Grant Butts | 25:48.0 | 38th |
| Jacob Hammons | 26:40.0 | 39th |
| Jacob Dahlhoff | 26:59.0 | 40th |
| Anthony Renteria | 27:55.0 | 41st |
| Tyler Corwin | 28:37.0 | 42nd |
| Jacob Dahlhoff | 26:59.0 | 40th |

10/01/16 — 5K

**McNeese Cowboy Stampede**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joshua Wilkins | 15:40.0 | 2nd |
| Lorence Ballow | 17:53.0 | 31st |
| Grant Butts | 18:04.0 | 33rd |
| Dylan Dunford | 18:12.9 | 34th |
| Jacob Hammons | 19:30.3 | 46th |
| Jacob Dahlhoff | 19:23.6 | 45th |
| Anthony Renteria | 19:59.6 | 48th |
| Tyler Corwin | 21:31.7 | 51st |

10/15/16 — 8K

**Mississippi College Choctaw Open**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joshua Wilkins | 25:22.51 | 3rd |
| Lorence Ballow | 30:49.59 | 58th |
| Dylan Dunford | 31:08.36 | 62nd |
| Jacob Dahlhoff | 31:46.53 | 67th |
| Tyler Corwin | 33:15.55 | 71st |
| Anthony Renteria | 33:31.07 | 74th |

10/28/16 — 8K

**Southland Conference Championships**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joshua Wilkins | 25:11.7 | 23rd |
| Lorence Ballow | 29:00.5 | 87th |
| Dylan Dunford | 29:25.6 | 88th |
| Jacob Dahlhoff | 29:40.7 | 89th |
| Tyler Corwin | 32:22.9 | 92nd |
| Grant Butts | 29:42.0 | 90th |
| Anthony Renteria | 32:34.5 | 93rd |

**Megan Palmer, Writer**
**Photos from NSU Sports Information**

SCOREBOARD

09/17/16 **3miles**

LaTechMookTripleDuals

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ErinWrozek | 19:53.0 | 4th |
| EmilySitarz | 21:39.0 | 12th |
| SydneyCowgill | 22:01.0 | 16th |
| ErinSitarz | 22:05.0 | 17th |
| EmilyHeard | 23:23.0 | 27th |
| DominitraCharles | 27:48.0 | 35th |

10/01/16 **5K**

McNeeseCowboyStampede

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ErinWrozek | 20:20.0 | 8th |
| ErinSitarz | 22:05.0 | 17th |
| EmilySitarz | 22:13.4 | 23rd |
| EmilyHeard | 23:04.6 | 31st |
| SydneyCowgill | 23:34.1 | 33rd |
| DominitraCharles | 25:41.5 | 40th |

10/15/16 **5K**

MississippiCollegeChoctawOpen

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ErinWrozek | 20:04.60 | 11th |
| EmilySitarz | 21:41.90 | 31st |
| ErinSitarz | 22:43.50 | 37th |
| EmilyHeard | 22:45.70 | 38th |
| SydneyCowgill | 22:17.250 | 35th |
| DominitraCharles | 24:55.80 | 45th |

10/28/16 **6K**

SouthlandConferenceChampionships

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ErinWrozek | 4:14.0 | 50th |
| EmilySitarz | 26:12.1 | 69th |
| ErinSitarz | 26:25.7 | 71st |
| EmilyHeard | 26:43.8 | 73rd |
| SydneyCowgill | 27:31.8 | 76th |
| DominitraCharles | 32:34.9 | 85th |

# CROSS COUNTRY

## *Lady Demons*

Erin Wrozek, junior, was the top performer of the Lady Demons Cross Country team. ""Chris has recruited a bunch of good girls to come run for NSU," Wrozek said. "Also, all of the returners on the team will have had a solid year of (Coach Sauer's) style of training under our belts."

The NSU women's cross country team had some great experiences happen in their season last Fall. Towards the end of August 2016, Chris Sauer was chosen to become the distance head coach for the NSU cross country teams. Sauer has been involved with cross country from his high school life to now. He went to Sparta High School in New Jersey where he was six-time team captain and holds many school records in six events. Sauer joined Stony Brook University's cross country team. There he was named team captain and helped capture the American East Cross Country Championship in 2012. He later went back and became a volunteer assistant. While here, Sauer will also be pursuing a master's degree.

The first test of how their season would look was at the McNeese Relays on September 1. The team started out five female athletes for the new season. Erin Wrozek commented," I was a bit nervous since he is such a young coach, but also confident that he would be good because he just got done running at a university", when asked about the new coach.

The results from the relays was one of disappointment for the Lady Demons as they had finished in last place. For the Louisiana Tech Mook Triple-Duals at Tech Farm the Lady Demons did much better. All of the Lady Demons that participated were inside the top 20. Erin Wrozek placed fourth with a time of 19:53, Emily Sitarz placing 12th with 21:39, Sydney Cowgill placing 16th with 22:01, and lastly Erin Sitarz placing 17th with 22:05.

The team added Dominitra Charles and Emily Heard to the roster before the McNeese Cowboy Stampede meet. They had to leave for the meet without last year's Stampede top performer Jacqueline Rushford due to her injury. In the meet, the Lady Demons participating were all placed in the top 40 with Erin Wrozek leading with an eighth-place finish of 20:20. The ladies that went to the Choctaw Trails in Clinton, MS were: Dominitra Charles, Sydney Cowgill, Emily Heard, Erin and Erica Sitarz, and lastly Erin Wrozek.

The team had improved immensely from the beginning of the season till now. The season wrapped up with the Southland Championships. The Lady Demons Cross Country team ended the season in 12th place out of the 13 teams in the Conference.

Erin Wrozek placed 50th with 24:14.0 as her time. The other members placed between the 69th-85th out of the 89-female competitors. Emily Sitarz was 69th with 26.14.0, Erin Sitarz was 71st with 26.25.8, Emily Heard was 73rd with 26:43.8, Sydney Cowgill was 76th with 27:31.8 and Dominitra Charles was 85th with 32:34.9.

"Chris has recruited a bunch of good girls to come run for NSU," Wrozek, said. "Also, all of the returners on the team will have had a solid year of (coach Sauer) style of training under our belts."

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# VOLLEYBALL

In 2015, Sean Kiracofe, Alicia Roth and Stacey DiFrancesco started their positions as coaches for the women's volleyball team. In 2016, the players were able to start the season with a better relationship with their coaches and this led to them having a better overall season.

The athletes went on to win 12 games and lose 20; an improvement from their seven wins last season. Lauren Agan, senior, attributes their success this season to "getting more comfortable as a team and playing together."

After regular season, Northwestern went on to compete as the sixth seed in the Southland Tournament. While they lost to Sam Houston State after the first round, the team's mere presence was a proud accomplishment after not qualifying the previous season.

While volleyball is a team sport, players of the team can be awarded with honors pertaining only to them. There are a variety of awards given to athletes by the Southland Conference. They are voted on by the coaches from the teams in the league.

Two women from this season of volleyball were voted to receive two different awards each: Channing Burleson, sophomore, and Natalie Jaeger, senior. From All-Southland, they each were presented with honorable mentions for their athletic talent and on second team of Academic All-Southland honors for their academic hard work.

The best part of being on a team is not only what happens on the court, but also what happens off the court. "Of course, I loved playing with everyone, but I loved the time we got to spend traveling and strengthening our bonds off the court," senior Bailey Martin said. "I value the relationships I have made with all of the girls on the team, past and present players."

Playing volleyball, or any other sport, is more than just a game. Athletes learn more than just how to play; they learn how to live. Agan said that she has, "been pushed harder mentally and physically than I ever thought possible and have gained friendships that will last a lifetime." The players grow as atheletes and as people. "I wouldn't trade this experience for anything it has made me a stronger person and I'm so thankful I was able to have this experience," Agan said.

**Ashley Wisthoff, Writer**
**Photos submitted by NSU Sports Information**

Senior Lauren Agan sends the ball back over the net to the opposing team. "I wouldn't trade this experience for anything it has made me a stronger person and I'm so thankful I was able to have this experience," Agan said.

Natalie Jaeger, senior, launches the ball over the net. Jaeger is one of two Northwestern State Lady Demons to receive honorable mentions for athletic talent.

Channing Burleson, sophomore, hits the ball while Bailey Martin, libero, serves as her back-up. Burleson was named second team of Academic All-Southland honors for academic achievement.

## SCOREBOARD

### GAME-TO-GAME STATS

| Date | Opponent | Score |
|---|---|---|
| 08/26/16 | vs NC State | L |
| 08/26/16 | vs Arkansas State | L |
| 08/27/16 | vs Boise State | L |
| 08/30/16 | at Louisiana | W |
| 08/31/16 | ULM | W |
| 09/02/16 | vs SE Missouri State | W |
| 09/02/16 | at Samford | L |
| 09/03/16 | at UAB | W |
| 09/03/16 | vs Tennessee Tech | L |
| 09/09/16 | at Alabama | L |
| 09/09/16 | vs Lehigh | W |
| 09/10/16 | vs Southern Miss | L |
| 09/16/16 | vs Louisiana Tech | L |
| 09/17/16 | at Tulsa | L |
| 09/17/16 | vs Oral Roberts | L |
| 09/22/16 | at McNeese | W |
| 09/24/16 | at Nicholls | W |
| 09/27/16 | at Central Arkansas | W |
| 09/29/16 | A&M-Corpus Christi | L |
| 10/01/16 | Incarnate Word | W |
| 10/06/16 | at HBU | L |
| 10/08/16 | at Lamar University | W |
| 10/13/16 | New Orleans | W |
| 10/15/16 | Southeastern La. | L |
| 10/20/16 | at Sam Houston State | L |
| 10/22/16 | at Stephen F. Austin | L |
| 10/27/16 | Abilene Christian | L |
| 11/01/16 | at New Orleans | W |

### ROSTER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | ChanningBur leson | OH/L |
| 2 | KylieSpencer | L |
| 3 | KourtneySeaton | MB |
| 4 | BaileyMartin | L |
| 5 | ReaganRogers | OH |
| 7 | MadelineDr ake | MB |
| 8 | LaurenAgan | OH |
| 9 | AlexisWarren | OH |
| 10 | VictoriaHarris | OH |
| 11 | NatalieJaeger | S |
| 12 | KathrynWristen | S |
| 13 | RaynaYetts | S |
| 14 | MeganLohmiller | L |
| 15 | AbbyGardea | MB |
| 17 | BrookeWood | MB |

## GAME-TO-GAME STATS

| Opponent | Date | Score | |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Ole Miss | 11/13/15 | 76-90 | L |
| vs LSU-Alexandria | 11/16/15 | 97-99 | L |
| vs UL Monroe | 11/19/15 | 64-80 | L |
| at Arizona | 11/22/15 | 42-61 | L |
| vs Louisiana College | 11/25/15 | 86-80 | W |
| at Auburn | 11/27/15 | 81-119 | L |
| at Arkansas | 12/01/15 | 78-117 | L |
| at Baylor | 12/08/15 | 62-75 | L |
| vs Missouri Valley College | 12/19/15 | 105-79 | W |
| at Centenary | 12/29/15 | 92-69 | W |
| vs Houston Baptist | 01/02/16 | 73-99 | L |
| vs Sam Houston State | 01/04/16 | 79-94 | L |
| at Incarnate Word | 01/09/16 | 56-70 | L |
| at Abilene Christian | 01/12/16 | 72-87 | L |
| at Lamar University | 01/16/16 | 82-86 | L |
| vs Texas A&M-Corpus Chr | 01/19/16 | 79-89 | L |
| at McNeese | 01/23/16 | 74-75 | L |
| at Nicholls | 01/25/16 | 88-80 | W |
| vs Southeastern Louisia | 01/30/16 | 91-76 | W |
| vs Central Arkansas | 02/02/16 | 91-75 | W |
| at Stephen F. Austin | 02/08/16 | 72-83 | L |
| vs McNeese | 02/13/16 | 87-78 | W |
| at Central Arkansas | 02/15/16 | 94-107 | L |
| vs New Orleans | 02/20/16 | 99-102 | L |
| vs Nicholls | 02/22/16 | 81-67 | W |
| at Southeastern La. | 02/29/16 | 82-84 | L |
| vs Stephen F. Austin | 03/03/16 | 55-95 | L |
| at New Orleans | 03/05/16 | 86-97 | L |

## ROSTER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | Tra'von Joseph | G |
| 1 | Levi Yancy | F |
| 2 | Ta'Jon Welcome | G |
| 3 | Devonte Hall | G |
| 10 | Reginald Kissoonlal | G/F |
| 12 | Jalan West | G |
| 13 | Matt Killian | F |
| 15 | Malik Metoyer | G |
| 20 | Ishmael Lane | F/C |
| 21 | Sabri Thompson | G |
| 22 | Cody Cambre | G |
| 23 | Zeek Woodley | G |
| 35 | Colby Koontz | F/C |
| 40 | Daniel Hazlewood | G |
| 42 | Will Poole | G |
| 44 | Bailey Walker | G |

# BASKETBALL

## Demons

Junior guard Zeek Woodley reaches for the hoop as a SFA team members tries to prevent the basket.

Sophomore guard Devonte Hall takes the ball down the court, keeping ULM opponents at bay.

In spring of 2016, the Demon basketball team proved that even when faced with adversity, you can still prevail with hard work. "The Demons dropped their first seven Southland Conference games, then made a brief run, winning three of five games, but dropped five of the last six to miss the eight-team conference tournament,"Assistant Athletic Director, Doug Ireland, said.

The Demons scored 79.2 per game and ranked among the country's best free throw shooting teams at 76.6 percent. Sabri Thompson says that although the team was shorthanded, it was great to see how much everyone improved. Thompson, who was able to compete at the Academic All-Conference, said that his favorite moments from the 2016 season are of proving wrong the people who doubted them.

"We played Baylor and everyone expected us to do terrible because of how big of a school Baylor is," Thompson said. "However, we almost beat them and that was the best feeling."

Junior guard Zeek Woodley averaged 22.2 points per game, 11th nationally, while hitting 53 percent of his shots, 41 percent on 3-pointers and 89 percent at the free throw line. Three other underclassmen scored in double figures: junior guard Sabri Thompson (12.6), freshman center Ishmael Lane (11.5) and sophomore guard Devonte Hall (10.9). Lane was the top rebounder with a 5.6 average while Hall, who stepped in for West at point guard, was among college basketball's top assist men with a 6.3 average. (Doug Ireland)

Junior Devonte Hall spent his summer in Poland at the Athletes in Action tour, which is a Christian based sports organization where basketball players can compete while also growing in their faith. Being chosen is a great honor, and as such, Hall experienced a great moment for his career and personal life. Hall says that it was interesting getting to experience a different culture and bond over a common interest.

Back in Natchitoches, Hall enjoys being with his team and traveling to away games. Particularly, he cites, playing ping pong in hotels and goofing off with his teammates as some of his favorite memories.

"My goal is to win a conference and to go to NCAA tournament," Hall said. "Being around the guys and being able to bond with everyone is priceless."

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**
**Photos submitted by NSU Sports Information**

Sabri Thompson, junior guard, goes for the basket, reaching above the opponents.

# BASKETBALL

## Lady Demons

Sophomore forward Tia Youngblood shoots the ball over Sam Houston center Angela Beadle.

When asked about the best memories she has from the 2016 season, NSU alumna Janelle Perez answers, simply getting to spend time with the team and bond together.

"Our bus rides were always really fun," says Perez. "All the girls are so different from one another but still get along so well."

Unlike in the previous two seasons, the lady demons did not take home a banner from the Southland Conference Tournament but they still ended the season on a good note. "We may not have gotten the ending we had hoped for but it was still a good year because we played hard and made lifetime experiences" Perez said.

The 2016 season was the last to be coached by Brooke and Scott Stoehr and with it came many successes. "After consecutive runs to the SLC Tournament and the NCAA tournament, the team once again advanced to the national postseason, making their Women's Basketball Invitational Debute," Assistant Sports Information Director, Jason Pugh, said.

The Lady Demons finished 3rd in the league standings, going on to tournament semifinal for the third season in a row. The team suffered many injuries, which made things difficult but did not hold the team back. Perez averaged a career-best 15.3 points per game and set NSU's single-game high during the season. NSU won its first nine home games before falling to Central Arkansas in January.

The lady demons then won the final five home games of the season, posting a 14-1 mark in Prather. The 933 winning percentage was NSU's best since 2008-09. Despite a seven game winning streak, NSU fell to ULL finishing the season, 19-12. For the third year in a row, NSU reached the national postseason, a program first. "I loved getting to train the younger players," Perez said. "Looking back as a senior I'm so proud of everyone and all of our hard work."

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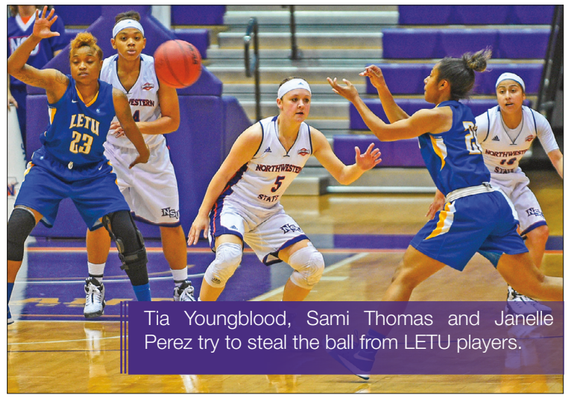
Lady Demons basketball players receive their letterman jackets.



Tia Youngblood, Sami Thomas and Janelle Perez try to steal the ball from LETU players.



## SCOREBOARD

### GAME-TO-GAME STATS

| Opponent | Date | Score |
|---|---|---|
| vs LeTourneau | 11/13/15 | W, 73-44 |
| at SMU | 11/15/15 | L, 36-74 |
| at Texas | 11/18/15 | L, 33-86 |
| vs LSU-Alexandria | 11/21/15 | W, 94-65 |
| vs Central Baptist | 11/23/15 | W, 86-56 |
| at NM State | 11/27/15 | L, 54-65 |
| vs Long Beach State | 11/28/15 | L, 59-60 |
| at Baylor | 12/04/15 | L, 44-86 |
| vs Grambling State | 12/12/15 | W, 71-62 |
| vs Jackson State | 12/19/15 | W, 59-54 |
| vs Xavier University | 12/29/15 | W, 73-57 |
| vs Houston Baptist | 01/02/16 | W, 55-44 |
| vs Sam Houston State | 01/04/16 | W, 69-49 |
| at Abilene Christian | 01/07/16 | L, 46-67 |
| at Incarnate Word | 01/09/16 | W, 53-48 |
| vs Texas A&M-CC | 01/13/16 | W, 60-43 |
| at Lamar University | 01/16/16 | 73-51, W |
| at Nicholls | 01/20/16 | 61-70, L |
| at McNeese | 01/23/16 | 74-78, L |
| vs Central Arkansas | 01/27/16 | 49-74, L |
| vs Southeastern La. | 01/30/16 | 82-62, W |
| at Stephen F. Austin | 02/04/16 | 52-68, L |
| at Central Arkansas | 02/10/16 | 60-56, W |
| vs McNeese | 02/13/16 | 85-64, W |
| vs Nicholls | 02/17/16 | 66-62, W |
| vs New Orleans | 02/20/16 | 70-53, W |
| at Southeastern La. | 02/25/16 | 73-58, W |
| vs Stephen F. Austin | 03/03/16 | 72-51, W |
| at New Orleans | 03/05/16 | 58-46, W |
| vs Sam Houston State | 03/12/16 | 71-78, L |
| at Louisiana | 03/16/16 | 54-69, L |

### ROSTER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 00 | Emerald Mayfield | F |
| 3 | Keisha Lee | G |
| 5 | Sami Thomas | G |
| 11 | Meghan Cross | F |
| 12 | Shahd Abboud | G |
| 13 | Janelle Perez | G |
| 14 | Jackie Perez | G |
| 22 | Libba Gilliam | F |
| 23 | Gabby Jackson | P |
| 24 | Ndey Sonko | F |
| 30 | Beatrice Attura | G |
| 32 | Cheyenne Brown | P |
| 44 | Tia Youngblood | F |

## GAME-TO-GAME STATS

| Date | Opponent | Score |
|---|---|---|
| 02/05/16 | at Louisiana Tech | L,1-6 |
| 02/08/16 | at SMU | L, 0-7 |
| 02/10/16 | ULM | L, 2-4 |
| 02/13/16 | at Southern Miss. | L, 3-4 |
| 02/19/16 | UTSA | L, 2-5 |
| 02/20/16 | Texas State | L, 2-4 |
| 02/20/16 | Alcorn State | W, 4-0 |
| 02/28/16 | Arkansas Tech | W, 6-1 |
| 02/28/16 | at Central Arkansas | L, 3-4 |
| 03/04/16 | Air Force | W, 5-1 |
| 03/05/16 | Incarnate Word | W, 7-0 |
| 03/05/16 | Grambling State | W, 6-0 |
| 03/07/16 | Texas A&M-CC | L, 2-5 |
| 03/21/16 | Stephen F. Austin | L, 3-4 |
| 03/25/16 | New Orleans | W, 5-2 |
| 03/26/16 | Southeastern La. | W, 4-3 |
| 03/30/16 | at Abilene Christian | L, 2-4 |
| 04/02/16 | at Nicholls | W, 4-3 |
| 04/03/16 | at McNeese State | W, 4-3 |
| 04/09/16 | Lamar University | W, 4-3 |
| 04/10/16 | Sam Houston | W, 5-2 |
| 04/22/16 | vs Southeastern La. | W, 4-3 |
| 04/23/16 | vs Central Arkansas | W, 4-2 |
| 04/24/16 | vs Texas A&M-CC | L, 2-4 |

## ROSTER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Polina Ivanova | R-So. | Moscow, Russia |
| Ilijana Ivic | Jr. | Split, Croatia |
| Barbora Kollarova | So. | Hlohovec, Slovakia |
| Natalya Krutova | Sr. | Sevastopol, Ukraine |
| Polina Mutel | Fr. | Yaroslavl, Russia |
| Iryna Vardanian | Fr. | Kiev, Ukraine |
| Alzbeta Veverkova | So. | Martin, Slovakia |

## STAFF

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|---|---|
| Olga Bazhanova | Head Coach |
| Patric DuBois | Assistant Coach |
| Tianyu Bao | Volunteer Assistant |
| Kateryna Piatakova | Student Assistant |
| Anita Miller | Assistant Athletic Trainer |

# TENNIS

The Lady Demons tennis team scorched the court with their fast reflexes and precise hand-eye coordination. Their season began in the fall of 2015 where they played tournaments with single and double draws.

At the SMU Invitational Fall tennis tournament, Natalya Krutova, a graduated demon, went home as a double winner. Krutova also got together with Polina Mutel to dominate over SMU's double team. Polina Ivanova rolled 6-1, 6-1 against an Abilene Christian player. Natalya Krutova, Polina Ivanova and Iryna Vardanian won their singles draws at the SMU Invitational fall women's tennis tournament that boosted them for the Sunday championship finals.

Polina Mutel also won her singles draw in the Pony draw consolation semifinals. The Ivanova and Vardanian pair scored a 6-2 triumph in the consolation semifinals Blue doubles draw.

Krutova and Mutel won against UTEP with 6-4 in the Red Doubles bracket semifinals. After a long and hardworking season, the Lady Demons end their fall season at the USTA/ITA Southern Regional Championships. Krutova lost a tough three-set to LSU in the round of 16 of the A draw singles of the USTA/ITA Southern Regionals. Polina Ivanova and Iryna Vardanian, the No. 2 doubles team of NSU, won against a Mississippi State tandem to the B consolation doubles draw final. With many wins and few losses, the Lady Demons ended their fall action.

The new season started up with the Florida Gulf Coast University Spring Invite. The team left the tournament with about the same amount of wins and losses. The Lady Demons had a rough non-conference schedule but they were ready to buckle down for business in the Southland Conference play. The NSU tennis team was rewarded its first winning streak as they flew past Air Force 5-1. The Lady Demons then snagged the No. 3 seed of the Southland Tournament were they played in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Krutova gained a spot, for the fourth straight season, on the Southland Conference tennis team. She was joined by her doubles teammate Polina Ivanova. Two honorable mention selections were Lady Demons, Iryna Vardanian and Polina Mutel. The team was put into the Southland tourney final where they defeated UCA for a spot to the championship. The Lady Demons went up against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi for the championship match, but had lost. Months later, Natalya Krutova and Polina Ivanova were chosen for All-Louisiana Tennis squad for their amazing performance on the court from the beginning of the spring season to the end. So even with a rough start in the fall season the Demons were able to strive in still being one of the best teams in the Southland Conference.

"The girls train and work hard," Coach Bazhanova said. "We came out in each match with great attitude and were super motivated. We showed our best tennis in the conference." Polina Ivanova, a returning player, commented, "I am very excited about the season! We have five freshmen so it is going to be the first time for them to do all of this stuff, but I think they are going to be good," about the upcoming season. Freshman Kateryna Avram said that she was also excited about the new season. "I think we are in a good shape and that we are going to make it to the conference for sure!"

**Megan Palmer, Writer**
**Photos from NSU Sports Information**

Natalya Krutova recieves the Southland Conference Tournament Runner-up trophy where they were defeated by Texas A&M-CC.

Polina Mutel, one of the team's best players, was one of the honorable mention selections for the Southland Conference tennis team.

# TRACK & FIELD

## Demons

Track and Field contain a variety of events and athletes, and with this great expanse comes to the expectation of a school possessing the ability to be great in at least one area of the sport. However, for the 2016 men's season, Northwestern did not stop with just one great event, but brought that exceptional talent to many different events.

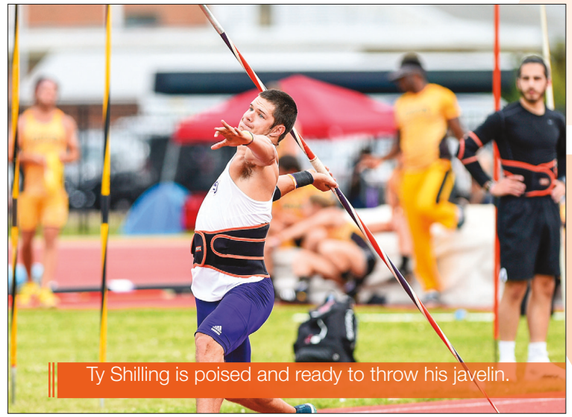
At the start of their season, the men's team took home fourth place out of the 12 teams in the indoor Southland Conference. Headliners of the competition included Aaron and Emmanuel Williams, Amir James and Jacorious Jeter. All of them won medals in their events with outstanding times and scores.

In May, they competed and did phenomenal again in the outdoor Southland Conference. Along with the previously mentioned, stars of the events included, Cedric Paul, Micah Larkins, Ty Shilling and George Flaviano. At this competition, the men took home third place, coming behind SFA and Sam Houston. When competing in the Southland Conference, players possessed the opportunity to receive Southland honors, voted on by league coaches. George Flaviano was awarded Male Newcomer of the Year, and Male Outstanding Field Events was given to Emmanuel Williams.

However, the greatness did not stop there. Northwestern sent an NSU record high of 17 students, nine of which were males, to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Preliminary Championship. Seven athletes, six of which were males, continued on into the finals. The results from this competition determined whether the athletes would receive All-America honors. Five males received this type of honors: Emmanuel Williams, Ty Shilling, Amir James, Micah Larkins and George Flaviano. Aaron Williams, Cedric Paul and Gabriel White made the All-Louisiana team, along with the athletes who received All-America Honors.

A season like this would not have been possible without the fans, but more importantly without the coaches: Mike Heimerman, Adam Pennington, Tyron Stewart and Chris Sauer. It's safe to say that a great season like such has caused Demon fans everywhere to be on the edge of their seat to see the next season of track and field.

Jacoriious Jeter leaps into the air as he competes in the long jump.



Ty Shilling is poised and ready to throw his javelin.

Amir James passes an opponent from Southeastern as he competes in an indoor track event.





## INDOOR STATS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 55m Dash | James Lavert | 6.63 |
| 60m Dash | Amir James | 6.67 |
| 200m Dash | Amir James | 21.18 |
| 400m Dash | Amir James | 49.29 |
| 800m Run | Joshua Wilkins | 2:01.88 |
| 1 Mile Run | Joshua Wilkins | 4:26.00 |
| 3000m Run | Joshua Wilkins | 8:51.26 |
| 55m Hurdles | Kaymin Carter | 8.20 |
| 60m Hurdles | Tanner Owens | 8.80 |
| 4x400m Relay | A. James<br>G. White<br>M. Larkins<br>G. Flaviano | 3:18.06 |
| Distance Medley | J. Dahlohoff<br>L. Ballow<br>G. Butts<br>A. Renteria | 11:10.21 |
| High Jump | Quinton Helaire | 2.03m,6-08.00 |
| Pole Vault | Jarrot Remo | 2.90m, 9-06.25 |
| Triple Jump | Aaron Williams | 15.79m, 51-09.75 |
| Shot Put | Cedric Paul | 16.91m, 55-05.75 |
| Weight Throw | Cedric Paul | 15.80m, 51-10.00 |
| Heptathlon | Jarrot Remo | 4096 |

## OUTDOOR STATS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 100m Dash | Micah Larkins | 10.28 |
| 200m Dash | Amir James | 20.71 |
| 400m Dash | Gabriel White | 48.10 |
| 800m Run | Jacob Dahlohoff | 1:58.06 |
| 1500m Run | Joshua Wilkins | 3:58.03 |
| 3000m Run | Hunter Wamack | 9:34.7h |
| 5000m Run | Joshua Wilkins | 15:39.20 |
| 110m Hurdles | Kaymin Carter | 15.54 |
| 400m Hurdles | George Flaviano | 51.21 |
| 3000m Steeplechase | Hunter Wamack | 10:25.17 |
| 4x100m Relay | A. James<br>M. Larkins<br>G. Flaviano<br>T. Shilling | 36.69 |
| 4x400m Relay | A. James<br>G. White<br>M. Larkins<br>G. Flaviano | 3:10.18 |
| 4x800m Relay | G. Butts<br>J. Dahlohoff<br>J. Wilkins<br>A. Renteria | 8:03.77 |
| 1600m Sprint Relay | M. Larkins<br>T. Allen<br>G. Flaviano<br>A. Renteria | 3:45.58 |
| High Jump | Lawrence Wallace | 2.08m, 6-09.75 |
| Pole Vault | Deylon Key | 3.54m, 11-07.25 |
| Long Jump | Emmanuel Williams | 7.83m, 25-08.25 |
| Triple Jump | Aaron Williams | 16.10m, 52-10.00 |
| Shot Put Throw | Cedric Paul | 17.54m, 57-06.50 |
| Discus Throw | Cedric Paul | 43.10m, 141-05.00 |
| Hammer Throw | Marquise Foster | 46.88m, 153-10.00 |
| Javelin Throw | Ty Shilling | 60.86m, 199-08.00 |
| Decathlon | Deylon Key | 5887 |

**Ashley Wisthoff, Writer**
**Photos submitted by NSU Sports Information**

## INDOOR STATS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 55m Dash | Jermeka McBride | 7.29 |
| 60m Dash | Jermeka McBride | 7.69 |
| 200m Dash | Jermeka McBride | 24.79 |
| 400m Dash | De'Shalyn Jones | 56.82 |
| 800m Run | Erin Wrozek | 2:27.04 |
| 1 Mile Run | Erin Wrozek | 5:26.07 |
| 3000m Run | Jacqueline Rushford | 10:53.44 |
| 55m Hurdles | Jameria Smith | 9.23 |
| 60m Hurdles | Braneshia Payton | 8.67 |
| 4x400m Relay | J. McBride<br>D. Jones<br>T. Lewis<br>M. Morton | 3:52.54 |
| High Jump | Quanese Jones | 1.65m 5-05.00 |
| Long Jump | Por'sha Thomas | 5.51m 18-01.00 |
| Triple Jump | Por'sha Thomas | 12.90m, 42-04.00 |
| Shot Put | Rechelle Bessard | 14.31m, 46-11.50 |
| Weight Throw | Rechelle Bessard | 18.45m, 60-06.50 |

## OUTDOOR STATS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 100m Dash | Jermeka McBride | 11.44 |
| 200m Dash | Jermeka McBride | 23.63 |
| 400m Dash | De'Shalyn Jones | 54.2 |
| 800m Dash | Erin Wrozek | 2:21.43 |
| 1500m Dash | Erin Wrozek | 4:52.90 |
| 3000m Run | Jacqueline Rushford | 10:53.9h |
| 5000m Run | Jacqueline Rushford | 20:27.36 |
| 100m Hurdles | Braneshia Payton | 13.53 |
| 400m Hurdles | Madison Morton | 1:00.98 |
| 3000m Steeplechase | Jacqueline Rushford | 11:47.70 |
| 4x100m Relay | B. Payton<br>K. McKnight<br>J. McBride<br>D. Jones | 45.79 |
| 4x200m Relay | D. Jones<br>K. McKnight<br>J. McBride<br>T. Lewis | 1:37.24 |
| 4x400m Relay | D. Jones<br>T. Lewis<br>J. McBride<br>K. McKnight) | 3:50.53 |
| 1600 Sprint Medley | T. Lewis<br>K.Nodorft<br>K. McKnight<br>E. Wroze | 4:17.37 |
| High Jump | Quanese Jones Young | 1.66m, 5-05.25 |
| Pole Vault | Sarah Lewis | 2.89m, 9-05.75 |
| Long Jump | Tyra Duma | 5.47m, 17-11.50 |
| Triple Jump | Por'sha Thomas | 12.93, 42-05.2 |
| Shot Put Throw | Rechelle Bessard | 14.36m, 47-01.50 |
| Discus Throw | Rechelle Bessard | 54.05m, 177-04.00 |
| Hammer Throw | Rechelle Bessard | 54.05m, 177-04.00 |
| Javelin Throw | Ashley Aldredge | 49.15m, 161-03.00 |

# TRACK & FIELD

## Lady Demons

Sophomore Kelsey Frank prepares to throw her javelin at a track and field meet.

Quanese Jones-Young flies over the pole during her high jump.

Women's Track and Field team held their own for the 2016 season. During their first competition at the Southland Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships, the women placed seventh out of the thirteen teams that competed. Star players of this competition included Rechelle Bessard, Gerianna Lyons and Braneshia Payton. For the fifth time in a row, Por'sha Thomas won the triple jump crown.

The women brought home second place at the May Southland Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championship. This reached their previous highest ranking in a competition since they joined the Southland Conference in 1987.

Jermeka McBride beat the NSU record for 200-meter dash and also won the 100 meter and the Female's High Point Scorer Award. De-Shalyn Jones won gold in the 400-meter and bronze in the 200-meter.

During the Southland Conference, all of the league coaches vote on athletes from every school in the conference for different types of awards, and this year Jermeka McBride won Female Outstanding Running Event.

Next came the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Preliminary Championship for men and women. NSU sent a school record high of 17, eight of which were female. Rechelle Bessard led the women's team in the thirteenth seed, followed by Ashley Aldredge in the sixteenth slot. The other women include the aforementioned, along with Kelsey Frank and Braneshia Payton, however, Ashley Aldredge was the only woman to continue on into the final part of the competition. Finishing in the nineteenth position for her javelin throw, Aldredge received the highest honor of All-America for the second year in a row. Aldredge then continued on to receive the USTFCCCA All-Academic honor for graduating with a 3.56 GPA and then continued on to receive her master's in sports administration.

A lot of credit must be given to the coaches because without them a season like this would have been impossible. Coaches include Mike Heimerman, Adam Pennington, Tyron Stewart and Chris Sauer. Heimerman received the Coach of the Year for All-Louisiana Collegiate Track and Field. This is his second time being honored with this award in the last decade.

**Ashley Wisthoff, Writer**
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Sarah Lewis runs the 400 meter hurdles at the Leon Johnson NSU Invitational.

# SOFTBALL

With bat-lined walls and benches covered in a fine layer of dirt, the door of NSU softball closed last season with a dull silence. The team was picked to be the preseason favorites to win the SLC going into the 2016 season, but no one could anticipate what was to come later on. When playing in the Texas State's Centurylink Classic, the reigning Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year, Mikayla Brown, tore her ACL. The team pushed on though, posting a 16-5 mark that included wins against then ranked Mississippi State, Oklahoma State, Texas State and Longwood. The Lady Demons had a fiery offense with Micaela Bouvier and Shelby Sells, but with the absence of pitching depth it took its toll on the team.

The softball team finished in eighth (10-17) in the Southland Conference play and missing the league tournament. They finished the season ranking No. 93 in the final RPI standings, and NSU still posted their fourth consecutive winning season at 27-25. Both Bouvier and Sells' ERAs exceeded the 3.00 mark after they had dipped as low as 2.35 midseason for Bouvier and 2.28 midseason for Sells. The duo pitched only 25 innings this past season, including two Brown starts in the first weekend.

The softball team had improved to have 16-5 after winning against Incarnate Word in the SLC opener before losing that series on the road. The Lady Demons fought tooth and nail back to 5-4 in the league with series wins against Houston Baptist and at Sam Houston State, but had lost the next five series that sealed their fate. The offensive playing done by the Ladies remained forceful, during most of the season, that leading the Southland Conference with 56 home runs.

The coaching methods had helped them a lot this year. "They really coach on bringing it all to the field all the time and being consistent and being confident in all that we do to bring it onto the field to transfer that to the game," senior Kellye Kincannon said. "They are very hard on us, but they want us to do the best that we can. Bringing confidence to everything we do is a very big coaching method that they push towards." It wasn't enough though to make up for the lack of pitching depth as the Lady Demons slid from their record-setting 2015 numbers.

With posting one of the better seasons in NSU history, then Junior Kellye Kincannon ranked third with her .748 slugging percentage and had tied for fourth-best with 15 homeruns in a single season. She made the All-SCL second team with .362 batting average. Junior Brittney Jones tied for fourth-best in a single season with 31 walks. This emphasized her third-team selection as she batted .331 and slugged .591 with 10 home runs. Senior Natalie Landry was put in the third team with her 15 home runs tied for fourth-best in NSU single-season history to couple with a team-high 44 RBIs.

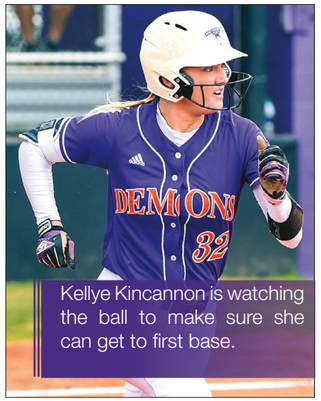
Coach Donald Pickett had a few words for the upcoming season. "I think everybody is eager to get out here and get back on the field," Pickett said. "We are getting a lot of the kids that were injured back, and they have more hunger this year going into the season because there is a little bit more there. A sense of urgency to prove to everyone what kind of program we do have and know that we have been one of the better teams in the Conference for the past four or five years. Last year was just one of those years that things didn't work out the way we plan, but I think everyone is willing to get out and prove that we are a really good team."

**Megan Palmer, Writer**
**Photos from NSU Sports Info**

Coach Donald Pickett gives instructions and a pep talk to the girls before sending them out again.

Micaela Bouvier winds up the pitch, determined to get a strike from the opponent.

The team gives a celebratory high-five to Kellye Kincannon for reaching home plate.



Kellye Kincannon is watching the ball to make sure she can get to first base.

Brittney Jones hunches down to be ready to catch the ball.





## GAME-TO-GAME STATS

| Date | Opponent | Score |
|---|---|---|
| 02/12/16 | vs DePaul | W |
| 02/12/16 | vs Oklahoma State | W |
| 02/13/16 | vs DePaul | L |
| 02/13/16 | Texas State | W |
| 02/13/16 | vs Abilene Christian | W |
| 02/17/16 | Alcorn State | W |
| 02/17/16 | Alcorn State | W |
| 02/19/16 | vs North Texas | L |
| 02/19/16 | at Baylor | L |
| 02/20/16 | vs Liberty | W |
| 02/20/16 | at Baylor | L |
| 02/21/16 | vs Liberty | W |
| 02/27/16 | Murray State | W |
| 02/27/16 | Murray State | W |
| 02/28/16 | Murray State | W |
| 03/04/16 | vs Longwood | L |
| 03/04/16 | at Mississippi State | W |
| 03/05/16 | vs Chattanooga | W |
| 03/05/16 | vs Western Kentucky | W |
| 03/06/16 | vs Longwood | W |
| 03/12/16 | at Incarnate Word | W |
| 03/12/16 | at Incarnate Word | L |
| 03/13/16 | at Incarnate Word | L |
| 03/16/16 | Louisiana Tech | L |
| 03/18/16 | Houston Baptist | L |
| 03/18/16 | Houston Baptist | W |
| 03/19/16 | Houston Baptist | W |
| 03/23/16 | at ULM | L |
| 03/25/16 | at Sam Houston State | L |
| 03/25/16 | at Sam Houston State | W |
| 03/26/16 | at Sam Houston State | W |
| 04/01/16 | Lamar | W |
| 04/01/16 | Lamar | L |
| 04/02/16 | Lamar | L |
| 04/05/16 | ULM | W |
| 04/08/16 | at Central Arkansas | L |
| 04/09/16 | at Central Arkansas | L |
| 04/09/16 | at Central Arkansas | L |
| 04/12/16 | at Louisiana Tech | W |
| 04/15/16 | McNeese State | W |
| 04/16/16 | McNeese State | L |
| 04/16/16 | McNeese State | L |
| 04/20/16 | at LSU | L |
| 04/22/16 | at Nicholls | L |
| 04/23/16 | at Nicholls | L |
| 04/23/16 | at Nicholls | L |
| 4/29/2016 | Stephen F. Austin | W |
| 4/29/2016 | Stephen F. Austin | L |
| 5/1/2016 | Stephen F. Austin | L |
| 5/6/2016 | Southeastern | W |
| 5/6/2016 | Southeastern | W |
| 5/7/2016 | Southeastern | L |

## GAME-TO-GAME STATS

| Date | | Opponent | Score |
|---|---|---|---|
| 02/19/16 | | Alabama State | W |
| 02/20/16 | | Alabama State | W |
| 02/21/16 | | Alabama State | W |
| 02/24/16 | | Sacramento State | L |
| 02/26/16 | at | Southern Miss | L |
| 02/27/16 | at | Southern Miss | L |
| 02/28/16 | at | Southern Miss | L |
| 03/04/16 | at | Arizona | W |
| 03/05/16 | vs | St. Mary's | W |
| 03/06/16 | vs | CSU Bakersfield | W |
| 03/06/16 | at | Arizona | L |
| 03/08/16 | at | Texas A&M | L |
| 03/12/16 | | Lamar | W |
| 03/13/16 | | Lamar | L |
| 03/13/16 | | Lamar | W |
| 03/16/16 | | UL Lafayette | L |
| 03/18/16 | at | Sam Houston State | W |
| 03/19/16 | at | Sam Houston State | L |
| 03/20/16 | at | Sam Houston State | L |
| 03/23/16 | | Grambling State | W |
| 03/24/16 | | Stephen F. Austin | W |
| 03/25/16 | | Stephen F. Austin | L |
| 03/26/16 | | Stephen F. Austin | W |
| 03/29/16 | | ULM | W |
| 03/30/16 | at | ULM | W |
| 04/01/16 | at | McNeese | L |
| 04/02/16 | at | McNeese | W |
| 04/03/16 | at | McNeese | W |
| 04/05/16 | at | Louisiana | L |
| 04/08/16 | | Southeastern La. | L |
| 04/09/16 | | Southeastern La. | L |
| 04/10/16 | | Southeastern La. | W |
| 04/15/16 | at | New Orleans | W |
| 04/16/16 | at | New Orleans | L |
| 04/17/16 | at | New Orleans | L |
| 04/23/16 | at | Central Arkansas | L |
| 04/22/16 | at | Central Arkansas | W |
| 04/24/16 | at | Central Arkansas | W |
| 04/26/16 | | Miss. Valley State | W |
| 04/27/16 | | Miss. Valley State | W |
| 04/29/16 | | A&M-Corpus Christi | W |
| 04/29/16 | | A&M-Corpus Christi | W |
| 05/01/16 | | A&M-Corpus Christi | W |
| 05/06/16 | at | Arkansas State | W |
| 05/07/16 | at | Arkansas State | W |
| 05/8/16 | at | Arkansas State | L |
| 05/10/16 | | Louisiana Tech | L |
| 05/11/16 | at | Louisiana Tech | L |
| 05/13/16 | at | Nicholls | W |
| 05/14/16 | at | Nicholls | W |
| 05/15/16 | at | Nicholls | W |
| 05/17/16 | at | LSU | L |
| 05/19/16 | | Abilene Christian | W |
| 05/20/16 | | Abilene Christian | W |
| 05/21/16 | | Abilene Christian | W |
| 05/25/16 | vs | McNeese | L |
| 05/26/16 | vs | New Orleans | L |

# BASEBALL

Junior infielder David Fry prepares to slug the ball to the outfield.

Practicing at least four hours a day, every day, the members of the Demon baseball team still somehow find the time to study hard and excell in class. In the fall of 2016, the Demon baseball team reached a 3.36 cumulative GPA for NSU Men's Sports, which is an all-time high for the team.

Under the direction of head coach Lane Burroughs, the Demons had a solid 2016 season with twenty wins in conference games and just ten losses on the record. This season took the Demons as far as Tuscan, Arizona to compete.

Demon catcher, Daniel Garner, had the highest batting average at 0.308, infielder David Fry hit seven home runs – the highest that season, and Adam Oller had the most wins as a pitcher (8). With 71 double plays, the Demons were ranked fourth highest in the nation when rated against other D1 schools.

Three players were drafted at the end of the 2016 season; Nick Heath of Junction City, KS; Adam Oller of Conroe, Texas; and Daniel Garner Madison, Alabama.

"My favorite part from last year was our trip to Arizona," Brennan Booth said "We beat Arizona, St. Mary's and Cal State Bakersfield. Arizona played for the championship in the college World Series and we beat them so it was pretty cool."

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**
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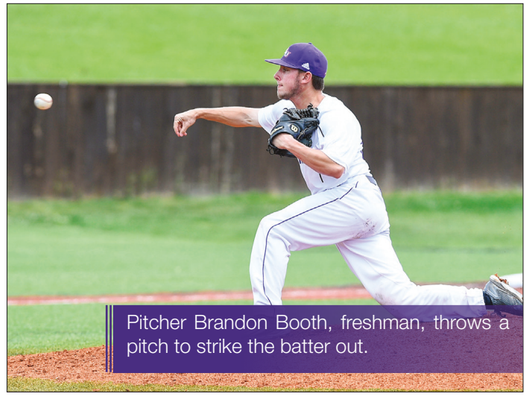

Pitcher Brandon Booth, freshman, throws a pitch to strike the batter out.

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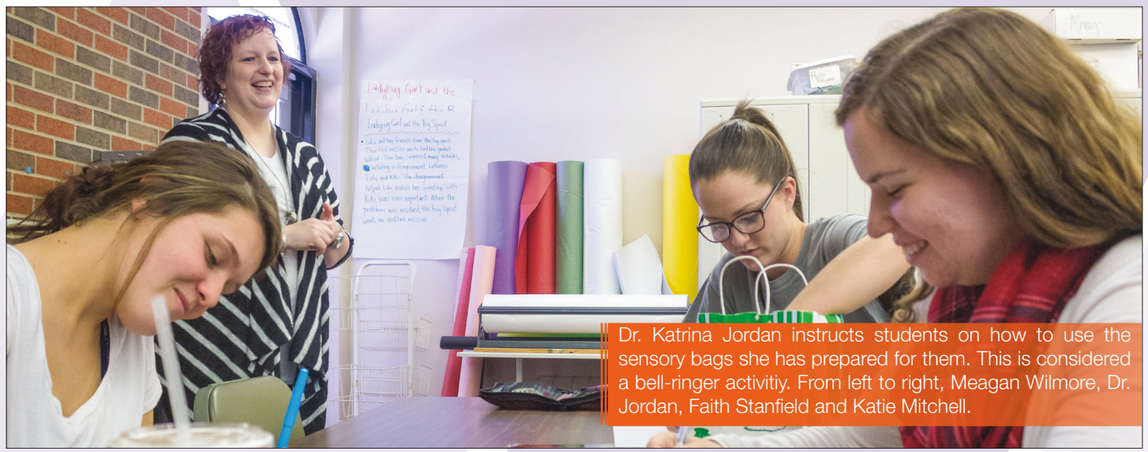
*We are teachers!*

Northwestern was established in 1884 as Louisiana State Normal school with the motive of training teachers. Since then, NSU has produced more educators than any other university in Louisiana.

Bryn Hughes, junior, reaches into her sensory bag and prepares to describe what she feels inside. This is part of a creative writing assignment.



Dr. Katrina Jordan instructs students on how to use the sensory bags she has prepared for them. This is considered a bell-ringer activitiy. From left to right, Meagan Wilmore, Dr. Jordan, Faith Stanfield and Katie Mitchell.

Northwestern was established in 1884 as Louisiana State Normal school with the motive of training teachers. Since then, NSU has produced more educators than any other university in Louisiana. 130 years later, NSU is still one of the most prominent schools in the education department.

The Gallaspy College got its name from a teacher in Desoto parish. She left her property to NSU in her will. In later years, Hinesville Shell was discovered on her property. This inheritance brought a lot of revenue to NSU and because of her connection with education; Northwestern honored her by naming the college of education and human development after her.

This college is now broken into five departments. The Health and Human Performance, psychology, social work, military science and the largest of the five, teaching, leadership and counseling.

Vickie Gentry, Dean of the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development, said, "My favorite part about being the dean of this college is learning about all five departments and all of those departments coming together and truly forming a family. We are one strong support system. " Dr. Gentry has been in the education program for several decades. "I love seeing students get confidence in their teaching and finding their true passion."

The Gallaspy College focuses on helping others and how they develop.

Sonia Ortiz, senior criminal justice major and military science minor, said, "When deciding to have a career in the Army, I saw the necessity to comprehend the operational and human aspects of the military so that I could be an effective leader. Being in the military science program, I have been able to understand the complexity of human development and how it correlates with even the smallest of tasks."

**Autumn Blanchard, Writer**
**Steven Sheerin Photographer**

Dr. Vickie Gentry, Dean of the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development, has been working in the education field for several decades. "I love seeing students get confidence in their teaching and finding their true passion," Gentry said.

# COLLEGE OF NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH

## *We are healers!*

Northwestern has long been associated with producing outstanding nurses and allied health professionals. As the first public institution to offer this program in Louisiana, it is now nationally recognized as one of the best nursing programs in the country. The College of Nursing and Allied Health offers multiple degree programs including a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences, Bachelor of Applied Science in Allied Health, Associate of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Radiologic Sciences, Master of Science in Nursing, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Sophomore Catherine Shaw knew she wanted to help people in the medical field. "it wasn't until my dad was diagnosed with cancer that I took Radiology into consideration," Shaw said. "After doing my research and seeing the care he received, I knew this was the field for me."

Rachel Oufnac and Emily Jackson are both junior nursing students living and learning in Shreveport. "Something we love about to the nursing program is that you're with a group of people who are always striving to better themselves and impact the world," Oufnac said. "We've learned that there is no stopping point in life and that we have the power to save millions of lives and that is empowering."

Students are learning more than how to take vital signs, though. "A valuable lesson that we're learning is how to see the world through a different lens. We see the person as everything that makes them up, not just their exterior or a single problem. It's no longer black and white, but gray. We're learning that people suffer and we can be the difference they need."

Many students start off in Natchitoches to take their pre-requisites before leaving for clinicals in Shreveport or Alexandria. However, pre-requisite classes can also be taken at satellite campuses in Shreveport, Alexandria, and Leesville/Fort Polk. Although moving to a new place is exciting, it's definitely a transition. John Nance, a senior nursing student, is in clinicals at the Shreveport campus. "It's definitely a big change moving from Natchitoches to Shreveport," Nance said. "I love being near all the big teaching hospitals where people are not just willing, but excited to facilitate learning. I appreciate that now I'm finally able to put all that I've learned so far into action by directly caring for patients."

The faculty serves as consultants, leaders and board members, all striving to produce top notch professionals. Tyler Jordan, a senior Radiology student says that the staff is her favorite thing about the program. "They are so helpful and understanding," Jordan. "They really are dedicated to making sure you excel. You can honestly talk to them about anything and they're always there to help whether it's school related or not!"

Jordan said that while in clinicals, she's learned how important good patient care is. "You never know what someone is going through, so it's important to show empathy," Jordan said. "[The patient] may just be another procedure to you, but you may be the person that helps determine if they have a severe chronic illness. It's important to treat patients the way you would want your own family members to be treated."

Kierstin Richter, Writer
Rachel Neathamer, Photographer

Haleigh Irby, senior, uses her freshly learned skills to attempt to take her own pulse, using a vien in her wrist.

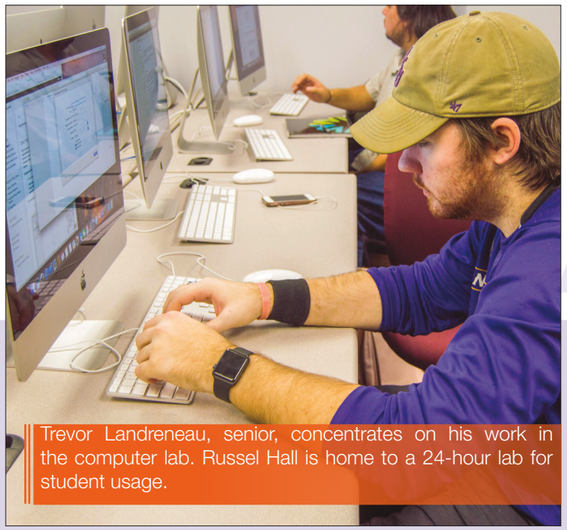
Professor Becky Farmer teaches first level radioligic science students how to transfer patients from beds to exam tables using sheets and a transfer board.

Amy Paul, Kimberly Smith, Casey Kessler and Tracy Tassin, R.N. to B.S.N. students at the Alexandria campus, pause from their group project for a photo with their professor.

# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

## *We are leaders!*

Kara Davis, junior, studies and takes notes in the break room at Russel Hall.



Trevor Landreneau, senior, concentrates on his work in the computer lab. Russel Hall is home to a 24-hour lab for student usage.

Ryan Wright, a junior Computer Information Systems major, focuses on a project for class.

You know that guy who always rocks his in-class presentations? The one that's always meeting new people and making new connections? Or that girl that is always dressed to impress, keeping her classes organized in a spiffy little planner? Well, chances are, they're probably a business major. The college of business offers degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Information Systems, and Hospitality Management and Tourism. Being in the business program, students learn how to think analytically, be technologically savvy, and excel as a leader.

The Northwestern State College of Business is placed in the top 10% of business colleges and schools of businesses throughout the world, so the alumni of this program have gone on to do incredible things, as well as current students. Students have countless opportunities to work in their field of interest.

Last year, Leighann Westfall had the opportunity to go intern with the Country Music Awards. The Accounting, Business Administration, and Computer Information Systems programs all prepare students to succeed in the competitive, fast paced business world of today.

"As a student at the College of Business, you have every opportunity to be successful," Zachary Breaux, freshman, said. "With professors that are there for you every step of the way, and administration that truly want you to succeed, it is reassuring to know you're not alone. By having that personal relationship with my teachers, I know I have a strong network of references for my future in any career I choose."

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**
**Karalee Scouten, Photographer**
**Kasi Patten, Photographer**
**Rachel Neathamer, Photographer**

The break room at Russel Hall provides students with a nice environment to relax in between classes.

Matthew Leleaux, senior, works in the computer lab at Russel Hall.

# COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

## *We are curious!*

The College of Arts and Sciences is home to all sciences, English, Languages, and the Creative and Performing Arts.

The School of Biological and Physical Sciences added a new degree program in Applied Microbiology this academic year. The degree offers two concentrations; an environmental and applied microbiology concentration and a medical and health profession concentration. Students concentrating in environmental and applied microbiology will take classes that focus on the impact and use of microorganisms in various industries such as food production and quality control, as well as environmental control. Students in the medical and health profession concentration will take traditional microbiology classes as well as applied microbiology courses to understand the global relationships of microorganisms with humans.

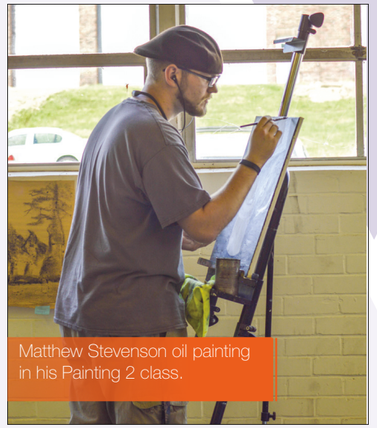
The science program is not the only one in the college that is offering students opportunities to learn and grow. The Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts offers students many opportunities to make beautiful creations and express themselves. The school's art, theater and music departments are nationally accredited, showing that they meet the highest academic standards. The school has been delegated by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors as an "Area of Excellence," and students have endless opportunities to hone their talents.

Though the College of Arts and Sciences encompasses many different areas of study, all departments prepare students for whatever career they choose to pursue.

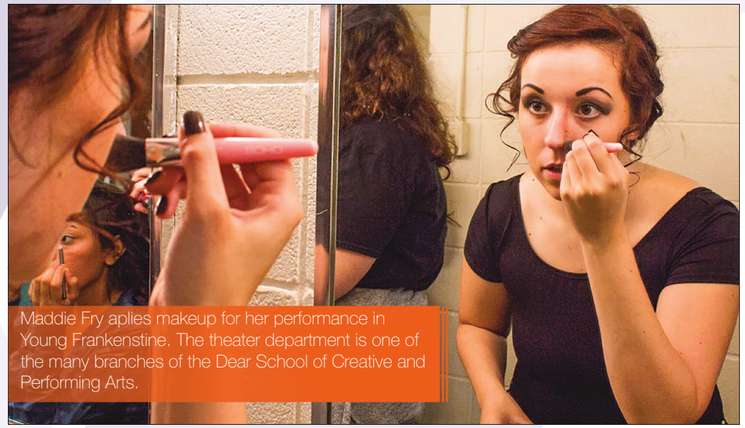
**Ashleigh Daniels, Writer**
**Karalee Scouten, Steven Sheerin**
**Rachel Neathamer, Photographers**

Christie Antee exams a petri dish as part of a microbiology lab.The School of Biology and Physical Sciences is now offering a new degree in Applied Microbiology.

Hope Barker holds a snake in one of the many biology classes offered in the College of Arts and Sciences.



Matthew Stevenson oil painting in his Painting 2 class.



Maddie Fry aplies makeup for her performance in Young Frankenstine. The theater department is one of the many branches of the Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts.

Dr. Chad Thibodeaux, a professor of chemistry at Northwestern State University, is spearheading efforts to revitalize the university's astronomy observatory, which is located on the roof of Fournet Hall. The observatory could be used by students and the public for stargazing and astrophotography.

# STAR-GAZING

*NSU revitalizing astronomy observatory.*

Northwestern State University is restoring the university's astronomical observatory and hopes to offer programs not only for students, but also the public interested in studying the stars. NSU's School of Biological and Physical Sciences is acquiring new equipment for the observatory, a large dome structure located on the roof of Fournet Hall, and working towards making the facility functional for study and astrophotography.

Dr. Chad Thibodeaux, assistant professor of chemistry, who is spearheading the initiative, installed a new 10-inch telescope that will be ready for students in the spring semester.

"We hope to use it for our astronomy class, which is required for all science ed majors, but we want to open it up to other majors as well," said Thibodeaux, who would like to install a CCD camera on the scope that is capable of astrophotography and photometry, measuring the brightness of stars. By itself the CCD only takes black and white photos, and Thibodeaux would like to add a filter wheel and filters for photography and photometry. Right now, the camera on the scope has a webcam imager that can image solar system objects like the moon and planets. Thibodeaux also acquired a Coronado PST solar telescope made especially for viewing the sun. The solar scope has special filters that allow only a certain type of light through to see features on the sun like filaments, sun spots and prominences.

"We could have stargazing nights that are open to the public and summer camps for kids," he said.

Natchitoches has little light pollution, so viewers can peer into the sky and clearly see galaxy clusters and other celestial bodies. The November super moon was particularly brilliant, Thibodeaux said.

"Astronomy is one of the few areas of science where amateurs contribute information that is used by professionals in the field," he said. He will encourage his students to become involved with the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO), to which students can submit data on various stars to databases for others to create models that tell observers how the stars function. Variable stars are those that vary in brightness over time.

"The stars I think most people find interesting are double stars," Thibodeaux said. "These are stars that tend to orbit each other. The students seem to be interested nebulas and galaxies. I think because they tend to have these amazing structures and colors that we can image with our new telescope."

According to Dr. Francene Lemoine, director of the School of Biological and Physical Sciences, the observatory was last used about 10 years ago, and she is hopeful that former students and/or faculty may come forward with information, stories or pictures of when it was in use.

"We don't know a lot about the history of the observatory," she said. "We have the blueprints for Fournet and we know there were plans for an observatory but we don't know if it was built when the building was constructed or installed during a renovation that took place from 1983-85."

Thibodeaux said his spring classes are filling up and he is exploring grants that could be utilized towards refurbishing the observatory. Donations to support the observatory, including naming opportunities, can be made through the NSU Foundation.

**Article and Photo** by Leah Jackson
**NSU News Bureau**

# SCHOLARS' COLLEGE

## *We are intellectuals!*

Northwestern State has many different things and opportunities to offer to students who decide to make this college their second home. One of these opportunities is the Louisiana Scholars' College. Many high school students know nothing of this academic program before attending NSU. Which is a shame, considering it is the only designated honor's college in the state. While other universities offer honor's programs, none can compete with the high quality of the one at Northwestern. Scholars' prides itself on having smaller classes than those given by NSU, four majors only offered through Scholars' and creating students to be well-rounded, intelligent people. Because of this, students in the Scholars' program must take more courses than those expected of the students attending Northwestern.

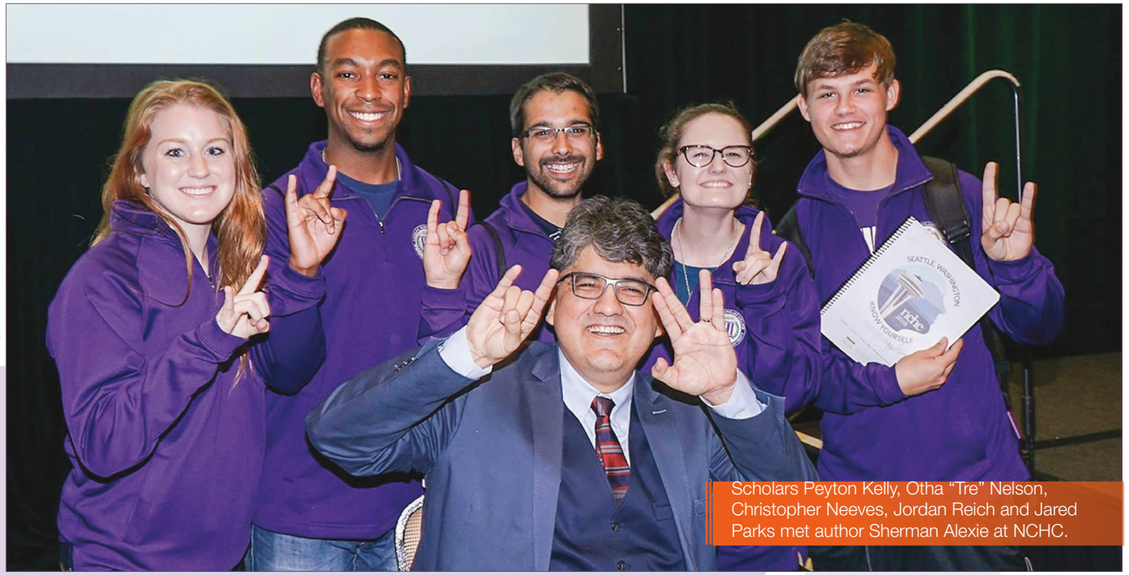
However, some Scholars' students still take courses needed at NSU and students who are not in Scholars' are given the opportunity to take courses that are considered specifically made for Scholars'. For example, Dr. Holly Stave teaches many English courses throughout the year and it never fails that she has at least one non-Scholar student in one of her classes. That student this year is Holly Jenkins, a sophomore Communications major, who enjoys taking any and all of Dr. Stave's courses. "I love Scholars' classes because I love the smaller, discussion based classes," states Jenkins, "Everyone is excited to learn and the teachers are very helpful.

When deciding whether to enroll in the program, an enormous amount of thought must be put into it. Students need to decide if they want the extra workload and if they have the time and energy to be in it. On their senior year, students in Scholars' must write a thesis and be able to defend it in front of their peers and professors. While this seems scary, many students look forward to it and have ideas forming before they even finish their freshman year.

Payton Miller, a junior who majors in biology is preparing for her thesis for next year. "I'd be lying is I said that starting to work on my thesis isn't making me a nervous wreck," Miller said. "I'd also be lying if I wasn't incredibly excited." Miller loves Scholars' for the "constant challenge" it brings her. One she will not get anywhere else.

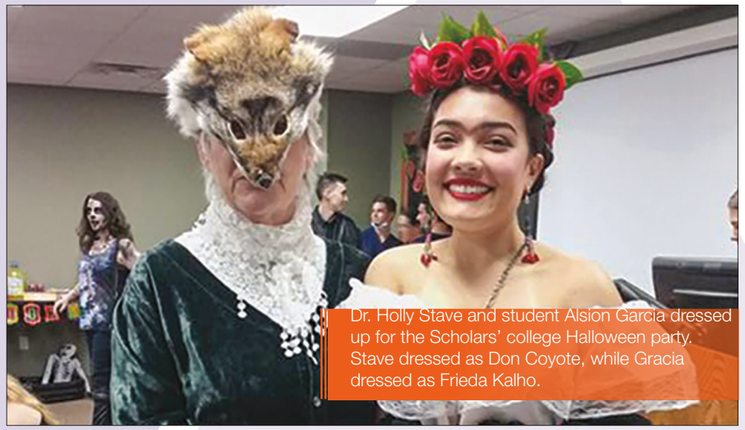
But, it is not just all work and no play for the students. The Scholars' College has events that are put on by the Forum Council like game nights, food fairs and a formal every spring. These events cause the professors and students to get to know each other and become closer outside of the classroom. The goal of the college is to create a community within the college, so students can learn how to work alongside people of all different backgrounds and even form relationships with these people.

**Ashley Wisthoff, Writer**
**Photos submitted by Louisiana Scholars' College**

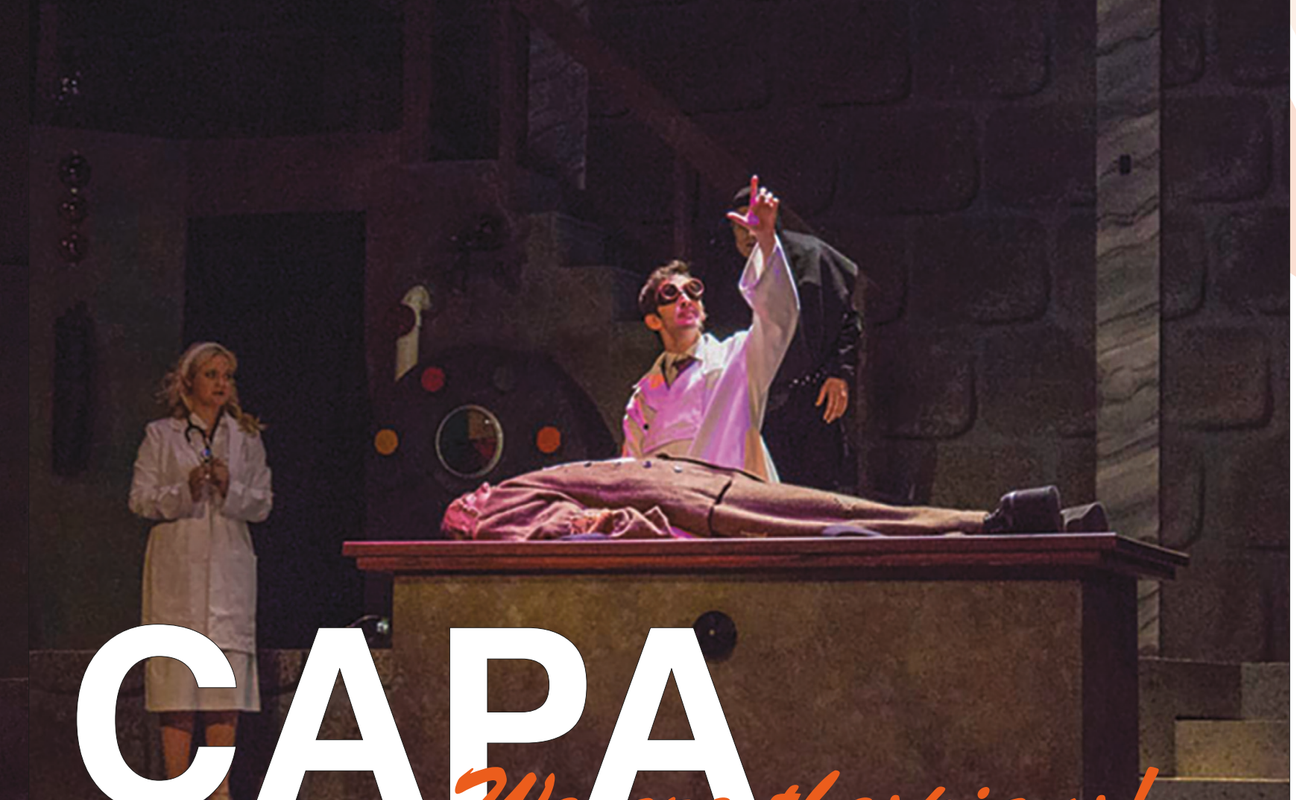


Scholars Peyton Kelly, Otha "Tre" Nelson, Christopher Neeves, Jordan Reich and Jared Parks met author Sherman Alexie at NCHC.

Hannah "Conrad" Bradley and Molly Moran portray Athena in the Orestes Trial.



Dr. Holly Stave and student Alsion Garcia dressed up for the Scholars' college Halloween party. Stave dressed as Don Coyote, while Gracia dressed as Frieda Kalho.



# CAPA

*We are thespians!*

## YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

In the building across the street from the lucrative Dr. Henderson's office is, lies the NSU theatre department. Here, the students learn how to act, dance, stage manage, run lights and numerous other activities that go into the production of a play or musical.

For their first main stage production of the 2016-17 school year, theatre CAPA performed Young Frankenstein on the A. A. Fredricks main stage.

Chris Davidson, a senior theatre major with a concentration in performance and directing stage managed the production, making it his fourth production he has stage managed as NSU. Davidson said that seeing the show from the beginning all the way to closing night made the experience incredibly special.

CAPA offers a stage managing class that Davidson took, but says the department as a whole allowed him to grow and perfect his craft. During the run of the show, Davidson's job was to insure everyone's hard work remains the same no matter how long the show runs. He worked with every member of the cast from the beginning to the end to make sure that everything would run smoothly.

"I'm glad to say it was a success and a wonderful learning opportunity," Davidson said. "But nothing could have prepared me for the size this production was."

Maddie Fry, a junior musical theatre major played Frau Blucher. Fry described her character as "strong, passionate, shameless and always brooding." Blucher was the caretaker of the castle that Young Frankenstein takes place in.

"It felt real every night when I would put on her giant fake mole," Fry said. "Sometimes before the show I would stand in the mirror and make faces that she would make, speak in her German accent and let her mannerisms become my own."

Yijoon Lee, a freshman double theatre major concentrating in both musical theatre and vocal performance said that it was because several senior sound technicians came into her Intro to Theatre class, asking if anyone would be interested in learning sound. She asked to be a part of the production and was put in charge of sound playback, but nothing prepared her for a scene in Act 1 that had more than 30 sound cues.

"It was challenging to time the sound effects right with lighting and box in and out cues," Lee said. However, after I figured out my timing, I enjoyed playing sound effects for an intense scene like that."

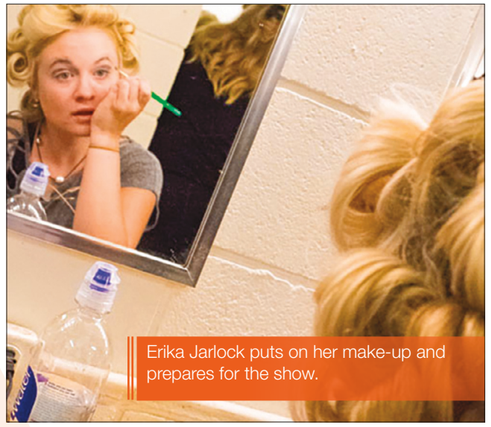
One thing that Lee loves about the department is that it does not make a distinction between actors and technicians. The department encourages all students to learn every aspect to the work that goes on back stage.

**Jacob Farnsley, Writer**
**Steven Sheerin, Photographer**

The chorus of Young Frankenstein sings a group number.

Luke Mathern and Erika Jarlock dance front and center

Luke Matherne, senior, played the lead of Frankenstein.



Erika Jarlock puts on her make-up and prepares for the show.

# CAPA

## *We are visual artists!*

Graphic design, painting, drawing, sculpture and ceramics are some of the many things that make up the visual arts of CAPA at Northwestern State University. These art students help bring this visible beauty to people on the campus, to the town of Natchitoches and some throughout the world. The different levels of visual art help bring out their creativity and inspire new ideas for them to try.

The graphic design classes have changed over the past decade. Students now have access to a 3-D printer, as well as brand new computers. One room has Macs for the students to use. The other room has Wacom computers where students can digital draw on the screen. These new ways are helping NSU students get training for real life experiences for jobs that they will apply for in the future.

Ceramic and sculpture classes have the job of creating beautiful works of art from clay, marble or any other material the students can shape with their hands. The ceramic art students designed a mural last year on a wall next to Grill 155°. Dr. Matt DeFord, one of the ceramic professors at Northwestern, said that he was going to switch one of the projects he had in mind to one concentrating the mural that will make a more lasting memory for the ceramic making students. "Every semester we'll add more to it. So each year we'll start off the year and then work around that. So everybody in that year will be around that year. So it will be kind of a history." This helps those art students make a mark on the NSU campus for years to come.

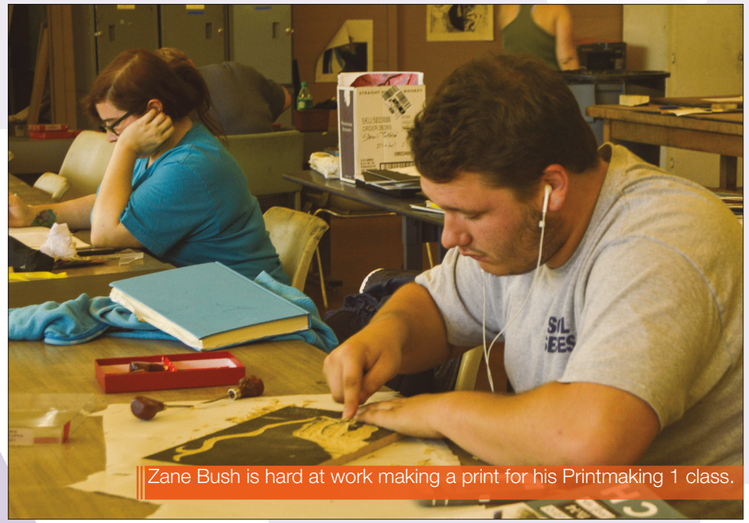
Painting and drawing are some of the traditional ways of making art that have been around since the beginning of time. Going on field trips helps inspire students. Dr. Clyde Downs, an art professor at NSU, said that he has taken students out to New Mexico every summer for the past eight years. "The main thing as far as artists is seeing new and different things and experiencing the artwork of the past." How this benefits the art students is simple. "You don't create in a vacuum. You have to see things. Artists take things in then and take experience. They take the real world. They take paintings that other artists have made; it all gets into your brain and gets jumbled around. Hopefully, you take bits and pieces of all that and find your own identity and your own way of approaching a work of art. You cannot create music if you never listen to music. You cannot make art if you never look at art," Dr. Downs voiced.

Megan Palmer, Writer
Rachel Neathamer, Photographer

Lane Elkins, junior, is hard at work making a print for his Printmaking I class.

Heather Hickman, junior, concentrates as she finishes an oil painting.

Patrick Ramke works a pottery wheel in a ceramics class.



Zane Bush is hard at work making a print for his Printmaking 1 class.

How to Make Intaglio Prints

1. Draw design
2. Transfer design to a meatle plate using gum arabic as a masking fluid for parts that you do not want to be eaten away by an acid sollution.
3. Remove plate from acid and press ink into the etched design using a dabber. Scrape excess ink off using a scrap peice of cardboard and tarlatan cloth.
4. Pass the plate through the printing press with a damp piece of cotton paper to transfer the design to the paper.
5. Let dry; you have a print.

Jacklyn Marr, junior, is removing ink from her intagilo plate before running it through the printing press in her Printmaking II class.

Matthew Stevenson's senior show, Reflections of Self, featured large, life-sized statues he welded from steel using his own proprtions. The show is meant to be a representation of emotions about life after college. The sculptures, named Contemplation, Elation and Desperation, respectively, are representative of Stevenson's thoughts about success and failure.

Stevenson welding together pieces of steel to create his sculptures. Stevenson explained that this was very difficult and time consuming.

Stevenson cutting the steel he used for his art exhibit. All art majors must complete an senior exhibition to display their skills and creativity. They cannot graduate until they have recieved passing grades on this show.

> I wanted to create a thinker, a dancer and a homeless man. These are named "Contemplation", "Elation" and "Desperation," respectively. I wanted to capture what everyone is thinking about life after college. Will I be sucessful or a failure?
>
> - Matthew Stevenson

Professor Matt DeFord and Stevenson crack jokes while fixing the saw. All graduating seniors have a "senior committee" to advise the student on their show.



# REFLECTIONS OF SELF

## *A senior exhibition.*

Every student at Northwestern goes on to do new things, walking away with the skills necessary to accomplish what they need to do. This rings true for Matthew Stevenson, senior art graduate, who recently completed and passed his senior art exhibition.

Stevenson's show, *Reflections of Self*, is a summary of thoughts and concerns about life after college. "I wanted to create a thinker, a dancer and a homeless man. These are named "Contemplation", "Elation" and "Desperation", respectively. I wanted to capture what everyone is thinking about life after college. Will I be sucessful or a failure?"

The exhibition took unlimited numbers of hours, money and materials to make, not even counting the time spent designing it and coming up with the concept. ""Contemplation" took about a week to make, and about 200 ft. of steel. "Elation" was very complex. It took about a week and a half for the metal work, then another week for the ribbon, which I crotched myself. It required about 60 ft. of steel. Desperation took about a week to make, and required 60-100 ft. of steel," Stevenson explained. Stevenson also incorporated string into his artwork, weaving them along the walls. "The strings are meant to represent a thought bubble of sorts. It is meant to symbolize thoughts and how we think. I used three shades of blue because I feel it represents thoughts and how our minds work, and a shade of grey for the one brain cell that doesn't always work," Stevenson described.

Stevenson became enarmoured by art at a young age. "Ever since I was little I always had a pen and paper doodling. I feel I've always had an eye for design," Stevenson said. "I like how interactive it is, expressing different emotions through art."

Stevenson may have started out with pen and paper, but now he finds himself more drawn sculpture. "I like how emersive [sculpture] is. You can walk around it, get different perspectives that you can't get with 2D art," he stated.

When asked about the future home of his art installation, Stevenson expressed hope that his pieces will be featured in other galleries. "Leesville contacted me about potentially installing my pieces for a show on metal art work in the future. I am hopeful that other galleries will be willing to feature my installation."

While life after college can encompass many emotions from anxiety to depression and desparation, students should not forget the elation of seeing their hard work displayed and walking across the stage to recieve that diploma. Matthew Stevenson's show, *Reflections of Self*, displays all of these emotions and more; leaving room for fellow demons to remember and contemplate their own experiences, dreams and fears.

**Ashleigh Daniels, Writer**
**Rachel Neathamer, Photographer**

# CAPA

## *We are musicians!*

According to junior music major, John David Floyd, a typical day for a music student consists of a lot of caffeine. Once properly caffeinated, music students make their way through ensembles, instrument method courses, theory, music history, and private lessons. Though hectic, all this hard work is worth it for students who have a passion for music.

At all hours of the day you can find music students practicing throughout CAPA. Whether it be teaching, performing or directing, by the end of their college careers, music students are prepared to take on whatever they wish to do.

"The faculty at NSU CAPA is the most amazing group of musicians and teachers that any university could have," junior Orlando Trucco said. "At the end of the day, the people that you know, the social skills, and the relationships you build in college are so vital. You can learn scales and chords and really hard music pieces but if you only play them at home or in a practice room you'll never be successful. Knowing the right people helps you to have a great career."

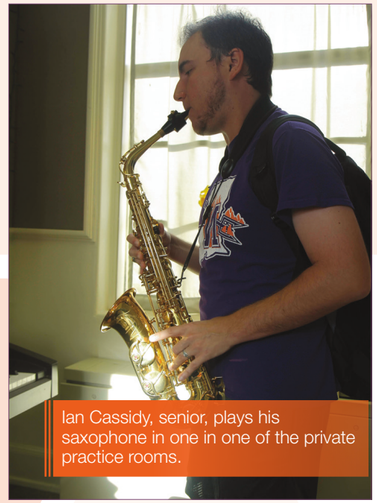
Practicing and keeping up with assignments is vital for success in CAPA music. It is also very important to learn to cope with stage fright and to be confident in one's abilities.

"Many people don't realize how many non-music majors are involved in the music side of CAPA" Floyd said. "Any student from campus is welcome to come, audition and choose to celebrate the arts."

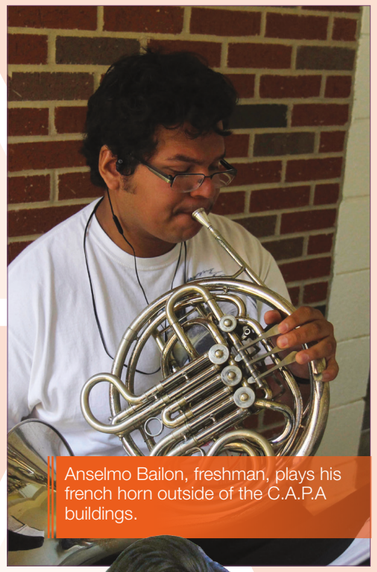
**Holly Jenkins, Writer**
**Stephanie Leger, Photographer**

Colin Horton, senior, practices the cello in a practice room at A. A. Fredericks.

Hope Spaw, Kurissa Parks, Michael King and Tristan Zamora rehearse for drumline.



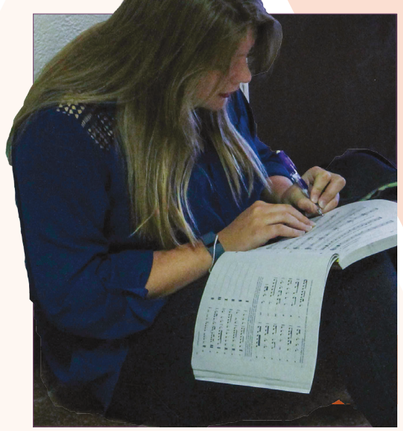
Ian Cassidy, senior, plays his saxophone in one in one of the private practice rooms.



Anselmo Bailon, freshman, plays his french horn outside of the C.A.P.A buildings.

Daniella Martinez, senior, practices her viola in a practice room.

Carlos Garcia, senior, warms up in the hallway outside of the orchestra room before rehearsal.



Carlie Miller directs Woodwind methods class designed to teach music education majors about instruments other than their own.

# Concerto Champion

*NSU student wins Rapides Symphony concerto competition*

The month of March will be memorable for Northwestern State University student Jonathan Andino.

The violinist will perform with two regional symphony orchestras that month, the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony March 13 and the Rapides Symphony on March 18.

Andino, a sophomore, will be performing with the Rapides Symphony after winning the Young Adult/Collegiate division of the orchestra's Concerto Competition last weekend against students from throughout Louisiana. Andino, a student of NSU Associate Professor of Applied Violin and Viola Dr. Andrej Kurti, previously was a winner of the NSU Concerto Competition. He won both competitions playing "Introduction And Rondo Capriccioso" by Camille Saint-Saëns.

"I've never performed as a soloist with an orchestra, and I really hope this turns out well," said Andino, who is from San Pedro Sula, Honduras. "I'm really excited about it. I'll do my best and with Dr. Kurti's help, I'll try to play even better than at the competition."

Andino said he is honored to perform with his peers in the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and with the Rapides Symphony, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this season.

"I cannot wait to perform with a professional orchestra such as Rapides Symphony Orchestra," said Andino. "I worked really hard with Dr. Kurti to do my best in that competition, and even when I felt really stressed because of it Dr. Kurti always told me to stay calm and focus, and told me 'You can do this Jonathan.'"

The music performance major said waiting for the results of the Rapides Symphony competition was nerve-wracking for him.

"I was in the hallway along with my friends waiting for the results and whenever the judges came out to give the results, my heart started beating really hard, and even though it was cold inside the building, I started sweating," said Andino. "When he said my name, I felt so excited and I could only think about thanking God for that achievement and also my family, and what would they say when I tell them."

Andino gives Kurti a great deal of credit for his success.

"When I won, the first thing I did was call Dr. Kurti to tell him the great news and he was also very excited about it because we worked really hard for it," said Andino. "I'm really thankful to Dr. Kurti. He is a great teacher."

**David West, photo and article**
**NSU News Bureau**

# CAPA

## *We are journalists!*

Ashleigh Daniels, Writer
Kasi Patten, Photographer
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The newest addition to the School of Creative and Performing Arts saw tremendous growth and expansion in the past year. The Department of Journalism, New Media, and Communication Arts hired new faculty and revived old traditions meant to spark journalistic interest in future NSU demons.

Dr. Paula Furr, New Media department head, discussed these changes and new opportunities for students. “Our department has received a whole new name and mission built on a long history of journalism and communication studies,” Furr said. “It has merged and expanded on these studies. We have added three new concentrations: strategic communications, broadcast and multimedia journalism.”

Professor Collier Hyams, former professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., was welcomed to the department this year to help expand course offerings dealing with film and multimedia production. Part of the courses Hyams taught included visual communications, basic video editing and advanced multimedia content production, where students created short music videos and commercial spots.

In addition to new course offerings, the department revived a long-standing tradition: Journalism Day. This is a day for high school students to learn about the many career paths offered in the field of journalism. “Northwestern hosted J-Day for more than forty years,” Furr said. “There was a break from it when the journalism program was eliminated. It was important to revive J-Day given the new department and redevelopment of journalism at Northwestern.”

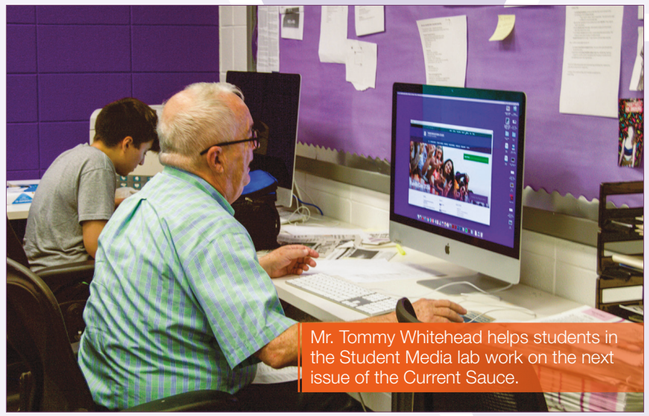
An integral part of the department is the opportunity for students to become involved with student media. “We’re very proud to sponsor and host student media,” Furr said. “I believe that student media are the heartbeat of any university. The freedom and ability for students to have a voice and to record their year and experiences at Northwestern is a tremendous learning opportunity for students and provides a historical record for the university.”

Furr said she wouldn’t change anything within the department. “I’m looking forward to the future as we continue to recruit students and enhance our curriculum offerings and opportunities for students.”

An-Gel Samuel, junior, led freshmen around campus during J-Day. She also reporter for the Current Sauce and KNWD Radio.

Professor Hyams, a new professor, shows students a DSLR camers in one of the new media video editing classes.

Regional high school students attended Journalism Day at NSU. J-Day is an opportunity to teach students about journalism professions.



Mr. Tommy Whitehead helps students in the Student Media lab work on the next issue of the Current Sauce.

Elisabeth Perez, sophomore, shows off the latest edition of the Current Sauce, Northwestern’s student-ran newspaper.

# STUDENT MEDIA

## *We are the campus voice!*

Student Media at Northwestern State University has helped foster creativity among students since its beginning. Within this title are four autonomous media: The Potpourri Yearbook, The Current Sauce Newspaper, KNWD and Argus literary magazine.

"The Potpourri serves as the campus archivist," Student Media Coordinator Daniel Thiels said. "They have kept history since the early 1990s. Where history is made, the members of staff transcribe it into tangible pages for students and alumni to look back on and remember."

"[The Potpourri] is more about telling the story about what we are as a university at this point in time," Thiels said. "The cool thing about yearbook is that if I pick up a book from nineteen thirty something off of a shelf, I can flip it open and have an idea of what the culture was like here, on this campus, during that period."

After numerous RSO photos, documenting homecoming festivities and late nights laying out pages, The Potpourri staff proudly adds this little piece of history to the archives.

The Current Sauce, the student-run campus newspaper, was known for their colorful stories and innovative design. During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Current Sauce was completely redesigned. Editor-in-Chief Ashley Wolf and Visual Editor Alec Horton collaborated to bring a look they felt reflected the quirkiness of the staff and paper.

"We're a college newspaper. I feel like we should go more outside of the box," Wolf said. "I don't think we should have to be more traditional with everything we do."

The Current Sauce printed most Wednesdays throughout the Fall and Spring semesters.

KNWD 91.7 FM began as the campus radio station in 1973. The Spring of 2017 marked the sixth annual DemonFest music festival. Planning this festival has given a lot of KNWD alumni experience in their ideal career field. Daniel Thiels, who has been involved with KNWD for five years, remembers an alum, Caleb Strange, who through KNWD later went to work for Creative Artists Agency, an American talent and sports agency.

"KNWD is a machine that helps grow people. That's a really cool aspect of it that yo u kind of have to zoom out to see", Thiels said. "I worked with Caleb for a semester. He is an example of someone who just blossomed his last semester. I gave him responsibilities; he ran with them. Long story short Caleb got an internship with CAA. If it weren't for KNWD, he would have never gone there. He wouldn't have had the opportunity and it wouldn't have taken his life that way."

Argus, the campus literary magazine, is a medium comprised of poetry, prose, and visual art submitted by students of all majors. When the fall semester begins, students may begin submitting their pieces. Submissions are accepted through the end of November.

Editor-in-Chief, Maggie Harris, explains how the 2016-2017 theme is Constellations, and the significance of this theme to the staff.

"Argus is different this year, because we are doing a Constellations theme. Which the tagline that goes with that is across the NS-Universe. So, the idea behind that is that constellations are the stories that people attach to the stars. They guide us: they remind us of the legends of who we were in the past," Harris said. "Art from all, for all. We really want to promote that inclusivity," Harris said.

Whether it be hosting a radio show, writing the cover story, or a poem: there is always room for diversity in Student Media.

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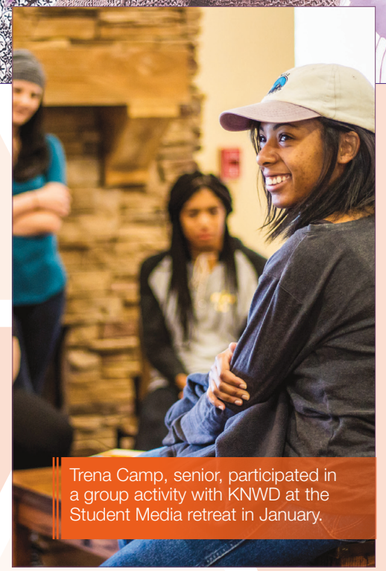
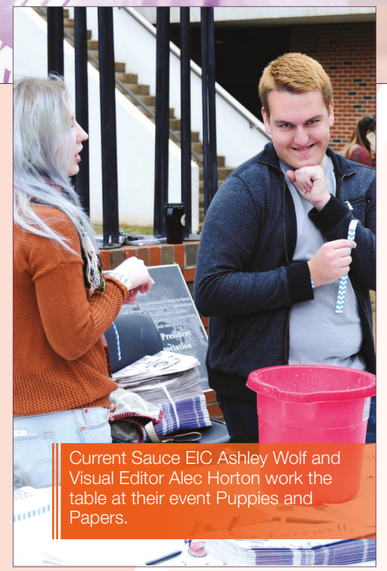
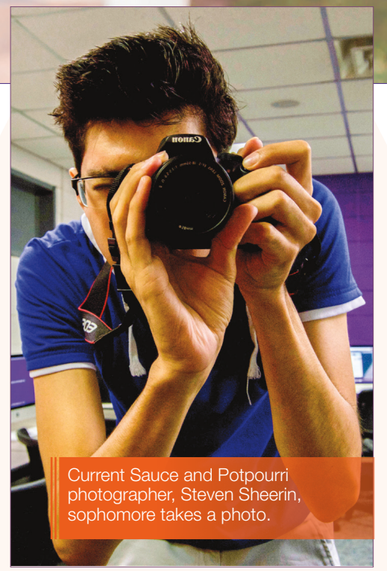


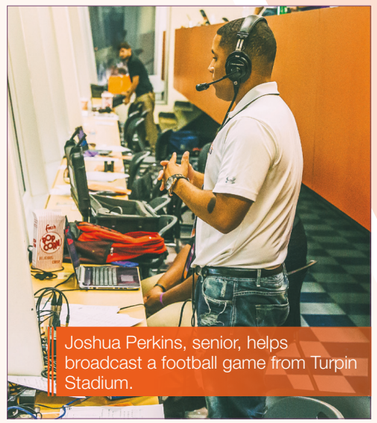
Trena Camp, senior, participated in a group activity with KNWD at the Student Media retreat in January.



Current Sauce EIC Ashley Wolf and Visual Editor Alec Horton work the table at their event Puppies and Papers.



Current Sauce and Potpourri photographer, Steven Sheerin, sophomore takes a photo.



Joshua Perkins, senior, helps broadcast a football game from Turpin Stadium.

Potpourri Lead Designer Dustin Cormier, senior, talks to Jacob Bennett about the newest issue of the Current Sauce.

# Student Media Spotlight

## *Kasi Patten*

*Having played major roles in multiple branches of student media, and helping lead the Student Media Media Team, sophomore Kasi Patten stood out among her peers as driven, motivated and dependable.*

Kasi Patten began her Freshman year of college as a nursing major. Although she always enjoyed music and other creative outlets, she never imagined pursuing it as a career until she started working as the Freshman Intern for KNWD. After a few months of working there, she knew she had found her true passion.

"I realized I wanted to work with music and communications at either a radio station or a record label," Patten said. "Communications is important because it gets a message across. You can't have a movement without communication. It's universal, meaning you can apply it to anything."

Since working at KNWD, Kasi has tried her hand at each of the other student medias as well. Throughout the last two years she has worked as a photographer, videographer and occasional social media manager for the Spirit of Northwestern Media Team. In fall of 2016 she worked as a photographer and contributing writer for the Potpourri as well as a contributing writer for the Current Sauce. She did all of this while also holding down two jobs outside of school.

Currently she is working as a media producer for the newly founded Student Media Media Team, meaning she works for the Potpourri, the Current Sauce and KNWD simultaneously.

"Student Media is important because it gives students an outlet to explore facets of creativity they might not realize they possess," Patten said. "My favorite part is that since you spend so much time together, you form really strong bonds with your coworkers. Because it is based on creativity, you have to make yourself vulnerable. I've had to open myself up to people to better myself professionally. It has helped me to make friends that I never would have had without it," Patten said.

Potpourri Editor-In-Chief, Ashleigh Daniels, cites Patten as one of the best staff members from 2016. "Kasi is always there when you need her," Daniels said. "She's always willing to step up as a photographer, writer, designer- whatever she can help with. To me that speaks volumes about her character."

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**
**with contributions from Ashleigh Daniels**
**Karalee Scouten, Photographer**

# I am a LOCAL

# LEESVILLE

Students at the Leesville campus enjoy a small and family oriented environment. In Jeanne Owens' English 1020 class, students learn about Pathos, Egos, and Logos by using Kaley Cuoco as an example. Owens asks her class if they would trust Cuoco as an advertiser? Most of the students reply yes, stating that she seems confident and capable. However, when asked if they would trust her as a babysitter, students have a different opinion.

"There's no way I'd hire her as a babysitter" jokes one student. "I don't want my husband looking at her."

The smaller classes in Leesville allow for this easy going environment to be a common occurrence. The campus is home to many different students including non-traditional students such as military students and students who are married with kids. For students who live in surrounding areas, it's much more convenient to attend class in Leesville rather than commuting to Natchitoches every day. Classes also offer more chances for individual responses. For many students this is preferable because it makes it easier to get help when needed.

The staff is great because everyone seems ready to help" says Martha Leon, freshman.

Unlike the Shreveport and Alexandria campuses which are mainly filled with nursing students, the Leesville campus offers a variety of different classes for different majors. While not as big as the main campus, Leesville certainly has its own perks. Students who attend the Leesville campus can be assured that they will receive the best education available. .

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**
**Megan Palmer, Photographer**

LEFT: Professor Janice Andrews is in the middle of teaching College Algebra. MIDDLE: Kristin Whistine takes notes during Professor Andrews lecture. RIGHT: Kara Eason listens intently to Professor Andrews.

Professor Jeanne Owens lectures these NSU students during their English 1020 class.

# Teacher SPOTLIGHT

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# ALEXANDRIA

It's a cloudy day in February and students at the Alexandria campus are ready for another day of learning. Students in Alicia Book's 9 a.m. class are hard at work learning how to check vital signs and prep for surgery in a timely and hygienic manner. They laugh as they all struggle to put on their gowns quickly and Professor Book joked, "Your patient just died."

This easy going environment is normal for students at the Alexandria campus. Because of the small classes, students and faculty are able to enjoy a more personal bond. It's like one big family.

First level students, Rachel Smith and Brittany Maxwell agree that the smaller classes and shorter commute are their favorite things about the campus.

"I like that this campus allows me to get the same education I would get at the Shreveport campus with less time spent in my car every day" says Maxwell.

The majority of students in Alexandria are nursing students, meaning that there's a campus full of likeminded people. When observing a class, it's easy to see how well everyone gets along which is important considering their training often involves getting close and personal with other students.

While NSU as a whole, is an excellent school, it isn't hard to see what makes the Alexandria campus so special.

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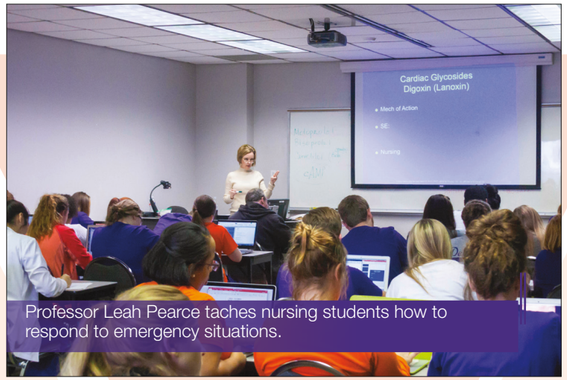
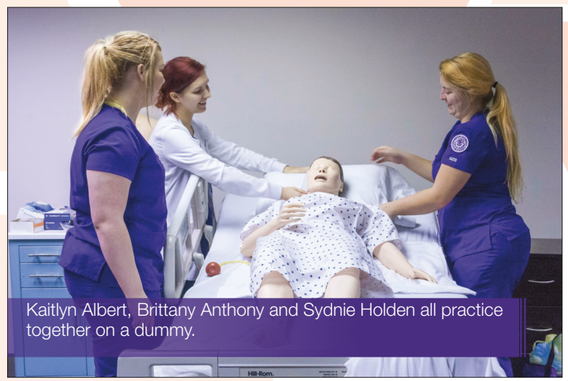



Professor Leah Pearce taches nursing students how to respond to emergency situations.



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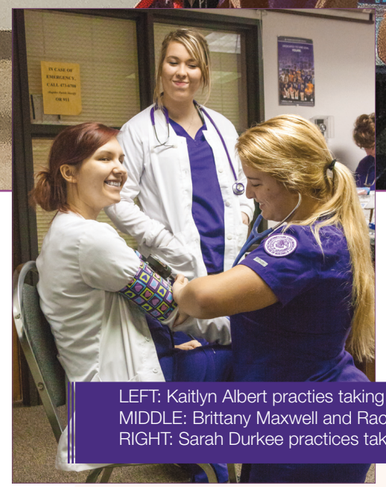

LEFT: Kaitlyn Albert practies taking blood pressure on student Brittany Anthony, while Sydnie Holden observes.
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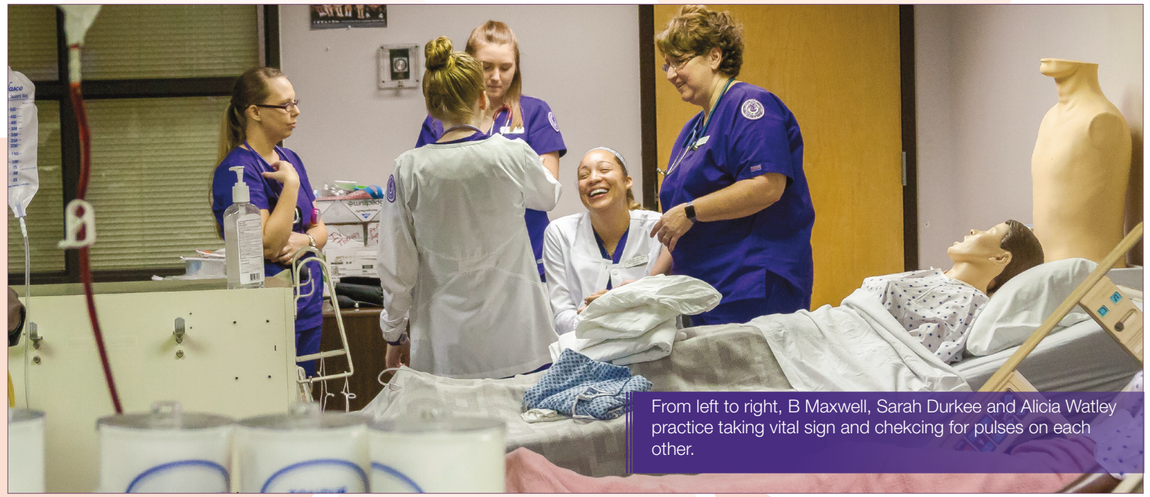
RIGHT: Sarah Durkee practices taking blood pressure on fellow student, Jolie Bellow.



From left to right, B Maxwell, Sarah Durkee and Alicia Watley practice taking vital sign and chekcing for pulses on each other.

# Teacher SPOTLIGHT

## *Alicia Book*

When asked about teachers who go above and beyond, both students and staff are quick to name, Alicia Book. Book, who is the main instructor for the Associate of Science and Nursing program works diligently to help her students while also creating an informative yet fun environment. Book has an associate degree from LSUA, a Masters in Nursing from NSU and is currently working on her doctorate in education at ULM. Nursing is not always an easy field to study or work in but Book manages to keep the atmosphere light.

When teaching students to check vital signs, Book joked with them, asking for a volunteer with shaved legs to let other students check for the pulse in their leg. Laughter filled the room when none of the students were able to fill this requirement.

When asked what her favorite thing about teaching is, Book answers, helping students achieve their goals.

It's always funny to see their reaction when working with the mannequins for the first time. They're so realistic which is always a shock to new students. Nursing requires learning to keep your composure in any situation and it's always funny when they accidently forget to keep a poker face in class. As long as they don't repeat that mistake in an actual hospital, that is."

Overall, Book has nothing but great things to say about working at the Alexandria campus. As far as improvements she wants to see, she lists, more space for their growing student population and more resources to suit those students.

"We have a smaller campus which means that students are able to learn in a more family oriented environment" says Book. "I like teaching nursing because it allows students to work in a more hands-on environment. Some of the students have never worked in health before and it is always interesting and rewarding to watch them grow."

# Teacher SPOTLIGHT

## *Leah Pearce*

Teaching is a rewarding job but it is not always easy. Throughout college, students learn from many teachers, but they will only remember a select few. This select few are made up of teachers who go above and beyond for their students every day. These teachers are there no matter what and work tirelessly to accommodate students' needs. One of these teachers is Leah Pearce, of the Alexandria campus.

When asked about her favorite part of her job, Leah Pearce answers, working with the students and seeing them grow.

"I love the opportunity our small school gives to get to know students on a more personal basis. It's a very family-oriented environment."

As far as negative things about the campus, Pearce dosen't have much to say. "I only wish that we had more space because enrollment has increased in the last few years and we are literally bursting at the seams" says Pearce.

Like most other staff member interviewed, Pearce agress that students in Leesville also need more social options, as the only extracurricular events offered to them are the few events that SGA puts on each year.

Pearce has a Bachelors in Science and Nursing from Louisiana College, a Master's of Science and Nursing from NSU, and a Bachelor's in Business from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

"Our location is convenient for students who can't commute to Natchitoches every day" says Pearce. "I like that we have online and video options available, as well as tutors ready to help students. The school really goes above and beyond to meet the students' needs."

Holly Jenkins, Writer
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# SHREVEPORT

"Do it enough that you don't have to think about it: you know it!"

This is advice that Sharon Walker gives to her students early one February morning. First level nursing students in Walker's class learned how to perform tasks like making beds, giving bed baths and checking vital signs. These are examples of skills they will need to have checked off and continue building upon before they are allowed to go to hospitals.

Students learn in a hands-on environment where they practice skills on mannequins and each other so that they are not terrified when they have to work on an actual patient. While this can be awkward at times, the staff at Northwestern's Shreveport campus make light-hearted jokes to help students feel better when placed in uncomfortable situations.

The Shreveport campus offers excellent professors as well as the best equipment available. The classes are smaller than classes on the main campus and more focused towards nursing students and other medical fields. It is home to many non-traditional students and students of all ages, races, and genders.

Marilyn Barr, staff member, says that students at the Shreveport campus are fortunate because they have the best help available to them and are able to have fun and learn a lot and then apply it.

Students who attend the Shreveport campus are prepared to enter the field of their choice and with confidence in their ability to do well. While the nursing program is the most reknowned, a less well-known gem in the allied health program's crown is its growing Radiologic Sciences progam. The program's bachelor degree prepares its students for careers as radiologic technologists.

With a faculty that writes their own textbooks and presents at national conferences for radiologic technologists, there is no doubt that the radiologic science program is rigorous and effectively prepares students for their registry tests. Sophomore and first level radiologic science student Madison Harris stated, "It is really overwhelming at first. They pretty much throw you in and you have to figure it out, but you get used to it." While the course work is tough, Harris expressed her appreciateion for the faculty and her fellow students, "Everyone is very welcoming and it feels like we're family now. We are all figuring out our study skills, and we can tell the faculty wants us to succeed."

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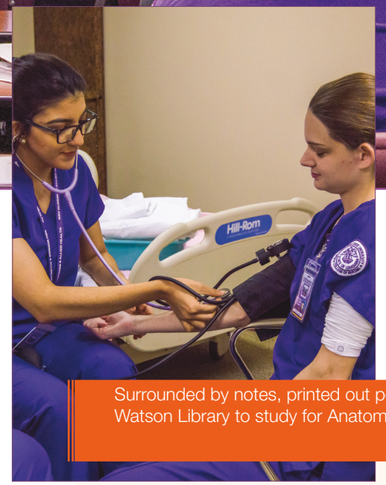

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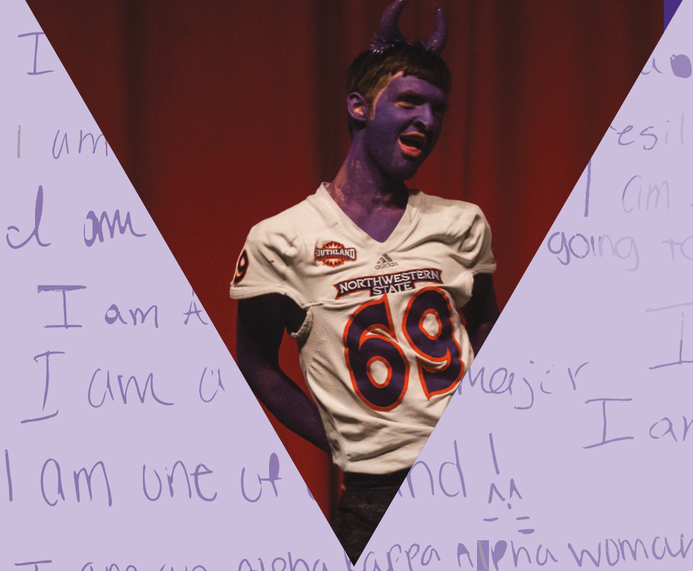
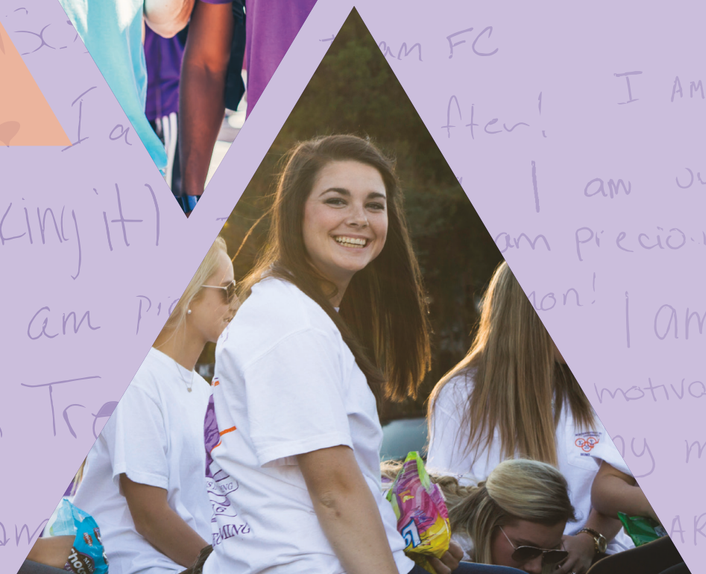




# Finding Your Family

*Northwestern students who go Greek receive more than just letters: they find brothers and sisters.*

At Northwestern State, students are given the opportunity to go Greek. There are three different types of Greek a student can rush: College Panhellenic Council (CPC), Interfraternity Council (IFC), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). CPC is the governing council of 26 national and international sororities for women, while the IFC is the governing council of 69 international fraternities for women. However, the NPHC is a bit different by being over not only men or women, but both. They're composed of nine fraternities and sororities, known as the Divine Nine, and while they are historically African-American, they accept people of all backgrounds. While the three different councils are vastly different, they all share the same reason as to why they came into existent. They all wanted to create a group of organizations that all possess the same values.

Out of the 26 sororities in the CPC, three are on the NSU campus:Alpha Omicron Pi, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma. These sororities tend to focus on scholarship, philanthropy and socialization. When women decide to go through formal recruitment or any other rush event, they do it for a multitude of reasons. Rachel Edwards is a sophomore and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. The majority of the most important women in her life were Greek women, and this caused her to want be in a sorority for a major part of her life. She dreamed of of going to socials and raising money for charity, yet what she got was so much more. "I have made some of the most loyal and unconditional friendships [...] When people say that I'm paying for my friends the only response I can ever think of is 'I could never pay enough!'" explains Edwards, "These girls are my everything, and I truly don't deserve them."

Out of the 69 fraternities in the IFC, seven have chapters on campus: Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi. The fraternities put value on leadership, brotherhood and scholarship. Why a person goes through recruitment with IFC varies between people. Clayton Troutman is a freshman and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha on campus. He went Greek this past fall. Going Greek was a no brainer for Clayton, because of his involvement in high school. He saw Greek life as a way to be involved not only on campus, but within the community. However, involvement is not what means the most to him now. "By signing that bid, I gained not best friends but a band of brothers who would be there for my best and worst times and I truly felt like I belonged," explains Troutman.

Out of the nine sororities and fraternities in the NPHC, seven are chartered on Northwestern: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta. These sororities and fraternities put emphasis on scholarship, service and socialization. Women and men alike join the fraternities and sororities in the NPHC for different reasons. Shania Dauterive is a junior and a member of Delta Sigma Theta. She says there was no question as to why she went Greek: community service. Before college, she spent an enormous amount of time doing philanthropy and wanted to continue that through college. "What better way to give back to the community than being surrounded by women who value the same things that you and have the same morals," Dauterive says.

All men and women in Greek organizations experience a multitude of things, yet it seems that through those experiences, they were able to create unbreakable relationships that cannot compare to any other kind. No matter the reason for going Greek, men and women all share the same thing: their value for something bigger than themselves.

**Ashley Wisthoff, Writer**
**Karalee Scouten, Photographer**

Gamma Chi (CPC formal recruitment counselor), junior Jennifer Enloe, helps move in new demons at Move In Day. Members of the Greek community are present in all facets of student life, and play a big part in making students feal welcome on campus.

# College Panhellenic Council

Every fall, the second weekend of school is nothing short of pounds of glitter, hairspray, and lipstick, all in preparation for formal sorority recruitment. Women of each sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Omicron Pi, and Phi Mu, prepare weeks during the summer to get ready to attract new members to their chapters. The CPC, or College Panhellenic Council, holds a three-day formal recruitment on Labor Day weekend, each day a different theme. The first day, Open House, is the time to allow "PNMs", or potential new members, to visit each house and get a basic overview of what each chapter stands for and what they have to offer. The second day is Philanthropy Day, where girls are invited back to learn about each chapter's philanthropy, or cause that they support and raise money for each year. The third day is Preferential Tea, where girls really get a feel for the sisterhood and bonds within each sorority. After their last party, the girls rank each house where they could picture themselves, and should they receive a bid, return to Prather Coliseum for Bid Day, where the girls run "home" to their new sisters.

Getting ready for recruitment is no easy task. Over the summer and the first week of school, sorority members spend hours together, preparing decorations, party set-ups, and memorizing speeches and songs. (It's even a workout in itself; standing in high heels for hours on end is a sure fire way to sculpt some nice calf muscles.) Taylor Powell says as her first year of recruiting, she has "had the chance to talk to people I have never had the pleasure of talking to before." She says even though it's a lot of work and unpredictable, she finds it very rewarding to help women find their homes in Greek Life.

The recruitment directors of each house put their blood, sweat, and tears into making this year's recruitment the best it has ever been. Phi Mu Recruitment Director, Dana Methvin, says, "Sorority recruitment takes a lot of hard work and dedication, and to see all of mine come together in just one weekend showed me again the meaning of being in a great sisterhood."

Although from the outside, the process may seem simple, there's an insane amount of behind the scenes work, facilitated by "Gamma Chi's." Gamma Chi's are sorority members that disaffiliate from their chapter, in other words, keep their letters a secret, in order to assist the PNMs, or "Potential New Members" in their journey. Each Gamma Chi is given a group of girls that they take to each party, and they are there to serve as recruitment counselors, advising the girls through the process. On bid day, the Gamma Chi's reveal their letters and run back home to their sisters.

Ryan Degruy says "Being Panhellenic means looking beyond the letters and making friends no matter the sorority. It means friendly competition. Being a Gamma Chi helped me to see the similarities and differences in each of the sororities and realize that we all value the same things: loyalty, honor, truth, and that we all strive to exceed the expectations of sorority life." Hannah Robertson agrees, "Being a Gamma Chi this year was such a great experience, knowing that I was a part of helping girls find their home in Greek Life truly means the world to me. With being a Gamma Chi you have to be unbiased and Panhellenic which came very easy for me! Being Panhellenic truly means that you love, support, and care about the girls in other sororities as if they are your own sisters. Although being a Gamma Chi was such an amazing experience, the day I got to run home to my sisters will be a day I will never forget!" The excitement for the new members was just as high. Caroline Matthews says that "Opening my bid made me feel like a little kid opening presents on Christmas morning…one of the greatest feelings ever. I'm so ready to start this experience with my brand new sisters."

Every sappy Instagram post sums it up how it is: From the outside looking in, you won't understand it. From the inside looking out, you can never explain it. No matter the letters, the woman of NSU's campus come together as one Panhellenic community, and "there is something to love and value about every woman going through recruitment; they will all make great additions to Greek life." Abby Hinds, Sigma Sigma Sigma President.

Kasi Patten, Writer
Large photo from Spirit of Northwestern Media Team
All other images submitted by Kasi Patten

**The CPC, or College Panhellenic Council, holds a three-day formal recruitment on Labor Day weekend, each day a different theme. BACK:** Laci Parker, Kaycee Ouber, Ryan DeGruy, Sarah Gandy, Caitlin Bowman, Nicole Crow, Taylor Holloway, Sonia Ortiz. **FRONT:** Hannah Robertson, Leighann Westfall, Brianna Ashley, Jessica Gabor and Katie Layfield.

# ALPHA OMICRON PI

Fromlefttoright:BarabaraSuazo,MaddieSisson,MorganBurris,MaycyEnglish, Mallory Breaux enjoy spending time with their sisters on their homecoming float. **Photo: Karalee Scouten**

EmilyLaRoseeandSamanthaClark, throwforksduringtheHomecoming Parade.**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

AlanaFord,freshman,competesinthe OlympicGames. **Photo: Karalee Scouten**

MelissaOrtiz-NavaplaysVidtheDemonin LipSync,whilesheisinterviewedbyJessica Rousset.**Photo: Rachel Neathamer**

## "Exceed the Expectation"

Alpha Omicron Pi has been a part of Northwestern's campus for 20 years. The women of AOII have close bonds with one another creating a true sisterhood amongst them. These women value service. AOII participates in many service activities throughout the parish including helping out at hope for paws, playing bingo with residents at the nursing home, and going to the Boys and Girls Club. They also visit the children in Shreveport at LSU Health, which has an arthritis wing. AOII's philanthropy is the Arthritis Foundation. Each year AOII raises money to donate to the foundation. This year Kappa Chi held its first Strike Out Arthritis Kickball Tournament.

**Autumn Blanchard, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**January 02, 1897**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**January 25, 1997**

**Organization's Color:**
**Cardinal Red**

**Organization's Flower:**
**Jacqueminot Rose**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Kappa Chi**

**Organization's Mascot:**
**Panda**

# PHI MU

RiciMcDonald,sophomore,performsatLipSync aspartofhomecomingweek.
**Photo: Rachel Neathamer**

CarolineMatthews,freshman, forks 'em on the Phi Mu float.
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**


TaylorHolloway,NatalieThomas,Kierstin Richter,KaelynMusgrave,andAshlynn Henderson on their HoCo float.
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

ChelseaKlieibert,Loren Ryland,andSarahEvans
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

From left to right: (Top row: Loren Ryland, Kierstin Richter, Caitlyn Cutrer, AmandaSimmons,KarliChambers,ShannonSmith.Bottomrow:EmilieKing, KatieAdams,CatherineShaw,DanaMethvin,AustinAldredge,BrynHughes, AshleighDaniels,HaileeRhodes.)
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**March 04, 1852**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**February 17, 1968**

**Organization's Color:**
**Rose & White**

**Organization's Flower:**
**Pink Carnation**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Kappa Iota**

**Organization's Symbol:**
**Lion**

## "Les Soeurs Fideles"

The Kappa Iota chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity raises money each year for their philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Holding events such as Bayou Bash, Vera Bradley Bingo, and a Color Run partnered with Sigma Nu, Phi Mu has raised thousands of dollars for the network. Taylor Rose, freshman, pledged in the fall 2016 semester. She says, "When it comes to Phi Mu, I could say the cliché 'it gave me a family and a home away from home,' but it gave me so much more than that! Phi Mu has already opened so many doors for me and my future. " Anne Repp, junior, says, "Phi Mu is my family away from home and I would not be the person I am today without it." When these girls say family, it's not just metaphorical. When you join a sorority, you are paired with your "Big," or your big sister to look up to and guide you through the chapter. Rici McDonald, sophomore, says her favorite event was Big/Little reveal and getting her big and little is something she will always remember. She adds that it "means so much more than candid photos or getting to wear glitter on Bid Day. It's the special moments you share with your sisters and knowing that you're a part of something bigger than yourself!"

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**

# SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA

EmilyHeard,SamanthaCarrier,LindsayPlummer,MeganMaley,TaylorRoberts, and Madison Milligan on their boxing ring inspired Homecoming float
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

BekaAultmanandBecca AutreyatN-SideView.
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

KaitlynKnight,seniorsmilesforthecamerain theHomecomingparade.
**Photo: Stephanie Leger**

CarolineAydelottperformsat LipSync.
**Photo: Rachel Neathamer**



AbbyHineshelpscarrybagsandwelcome newstudentsonMoveinDay.
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

## *"Faithful Unto Death"*

Tri-Sigma has a national philanthropy, "Sigma Serves Children," that supports children's play therapy in hospitals. The Alpha Zeta chapter's main philanthropy events is their annual production, "Dancing with the Sigmas," a play off of Dancing with the Stars, where they can showcase their stellar dancing skills and support their philanthropy all in one spectacular night. Madison Milligan says, "Sigma to me means 115 sisters. It means late nights painting banners, long bus rides with mean bus drivers, and bonds and friendships you don't come across every day. I didn't know what to expect at first, but now I know I've found my bridesmaids and my best friends for life."

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**April 20, 1898**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**February 17, 1928**

**Organization's Color:**
**Royal Purple & White**

**Organization's Flower:**
**Purple Violet**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Alpha Zeta**

**Organization's Symbol:**
**Sailboat**

# National Pan-Hellenic Traditions

## An inside look at the unique traditions of NPHC fraternities and sororities

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is a group of nine historically African-American, Greek-lettered sororities and fraternities known as the "Divine Nine." Even though there are nine sororities and fraternities, only five of the nine organizations are represented on NSU's campus: Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta and Kappa Alpha Psi

NPHC was created on May 10, 1930 in Washington D.C. with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta being part of the original five. Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma joined NPHC in 1937, making them NPHC Official organizations.

Members of the NPHC pride themselves on their community service and philanthropic activities. NPHC also hosts events such as step shows, educational programs and social events.

NPHC also "promote interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming and initiative through various activities and functions," according to the official NPHC website.

**Jacob Farnsley, writer**
**Photo by Rachel Neathamer**

# ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

ThavenJackson,JordanBriscoandDistiny ThompsonatGrillin'withtheGreeks.
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

TheAKAexecutiveboardtakesa photowiththeirpinkiesup.
**Photo: Steven Sheerin**

BriaWiliamsstrollsatthe Homecomingtailgate.
**Photo: Rachel Neathamer**



AarynPriceproudlywearsanAKAstol hergraduation
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

**The beautiful ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Eta Chi chapter.**
**Photo: Submitted by Joy Trahan**

*"Service to All Mankind"*

**Fraternity Founded:**
March 04, 1852

**Organization's Color:**
Salmon Pink & Green Apple

**Organization Chapter:**
Eta Chi

**Chartered at NSU:**
1968

**Organization's Flower:**
Ivy Heat

**Organization's Symbol:**
Ivy Leaf

Founded on January 15th of 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha was the first black Greek lettered organization for African American women on the campus of Howard University.

AKA prides themselves on community service and their work with the communities' people. While AKA does participate in campus clean-ups and hosts events for students, the mainly work off campus providing service to women and young children.

AKA's headquarters gives the members targets to hit within the Natchitoches community. Past targets have included family seasonal racks, where they collect clothes and distribute them to community members in need. They have also sponsored a garage sale, where all of the items were free to people who needed them.

Childhood Hunger is a currentproject of AKA. Members fill brown paper bags with healthy snacks and distribute them to daycares and after school programs.

AKA also partners with the National Pan-Hellenic Council, their, to help with events on campus. They help other black lettered organizations such as Alpha Phi Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta and Delta Sigma Theta on events such as step shows and stroll offs.

While AKA does a lot of work within the Natchitoches Community, they also like to team up with other schools to increase the work of their organization. They travel to other schools to talk about ways to improve their organization, get new members, new event ideas and how to help prevent hazing. AKA is a non-hazing sorority, and is extremely adamant on being such.

They stand for "Service of all mankind," which is an organization motto. They help with any community member, regardless of age, sex, orientation and race. They want to get out into the community and give service to anyone who is in need.

**Jacob Farnsley, writer**

# ALPHA PHI ALPHA

KendrickPayneandCameron Colemanre
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

New brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha at their probate.
**Photo: Submitted by Gabriel Decuir**

JosephGuidry,PatrickHall,GabrielDecuir,DevonteAllenandJoshuaWilkins strollatthehomecomingtailgate.
**Photo: Rachel Neathamer**

ByronStevens,DavidSampsonand JoshuWilkinsperformduringLipSync.
**Photo: Rachel Neathamer**

## *"First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All"*

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated is an organization of hardworking, intelligent men who learn leadership skills daily while serving their community and other people. The Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha does many great deeds around the community and hosts many great events that all NSU students look forward to, such as their annual stepshow and their annual Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant. Alpha Phi Alpha was the first intercollegiate black fraternity, founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University. They were founded at NSU on November 16, 1973 and have been making a difference on campus ever since. Their service around the community includes their MLK cleanup which started off Black History month, donation of turkeys on thanksgiving, and their campaign to encourage everyone to get out and vote on Election Day. Members of Alpha Phi Alpha go on to make a difference in whatever they choose to do. There is no doubt that their presence on campus makes an impact on NSU daily.

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
December 4, 1906

**Chartered at NSU:**
November 16, 1973

**Organization's Color:**
Black & Old Gold

**Organization's Flower:**
Yellow Rose

**Organization Chapter:**
Theta Chi

**Organization's Symbol:**
Great Sphinx of Giza

# DELTA SIGMA THETA

"Strolling through Homecoming 2016"
Photo: Rachel Neatamer

"IotaMu,thebestyouknew",at theirprovate
**Photo: Submitted by Shania Dauterive**



MariahDavis,TatyannaKinsey,Kianna Frazier,AmaniRice,KrystalRosette,Kiristen Bryd,BrielleMalletattendDelta'sSouthwest RegionalConfernece
**Photo: Submitted by Shania Dauterive**

"TheDevastatingDivasofDelta SigmaTheta",attheTailgatefor Homecoming2016
**Photo: Submitted by Shania Dauterive**

CurrentmembersofDeltaSigmaThetareunitewith AlumnaeduringtheHomecomingTailgate.**Photo: Rachel Neathamer**

"Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom"

**Fraternity Founded:**
**January 13, 1913**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**May 21, 1972**

**Organization's Color:**
**Crimson & Cream**

**Organization's Flower:**
**African Violet**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Iota Mu**

**Organization's Symbol:**
**Lady Fortitude**

True to its' mission statement, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, which was the first black sorority to be chartered on NSU's campus, is home to many intelligent and hardworking women who strive daily to help around campus and the community. Every year the Iota Mu chapter hosts various events revolving around their five-point-thrust. They host financial forums to advise students on saving money, as well as educational seminars that range from how to succeed in the business world all the way to surviving college. They also host Voters Registration in the Student Union for important elections that approach within the year and many athletic events such as Zumba nights, dodge ball, Volleyball, and more to encourage physical and mental health. Another event the chapter hosts annually is their Gentlemen's Pageant. The "Mr. Distinguished Pageant" is a scholarship pageant for male students at Northwestern State University. Contestants compete in categories such as questions and answers, talent, swimwear, and suit and tie for a chance to win the title "Mr. Distinguished." When they are not hosting events for NSU's students, members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc can often be found helping around campus. Whether its' helping keep the campus clean, or collaborating with other organizations, its' safe to say Delta's are extremely involved around NSU. They often even work off campus, volunteering at schools and churches. Shania Dauterive, Historian and Journalist for the Iota Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. says that she loves the service her sorority provides. "I enjoy how our services aren't limited to everyone and that we can help anyone in need" says Dauterive. "I love the leadership skills it provides me to be a strong, independent Delta woman but most of all, I love the sisterhood. Being surrounded by intelligent women who want nothing but the best for you surely is one of the most comforting things! They are a big part of who I am today and what I want to become as I grow older."

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**

# KAPPA ALPHA PSI

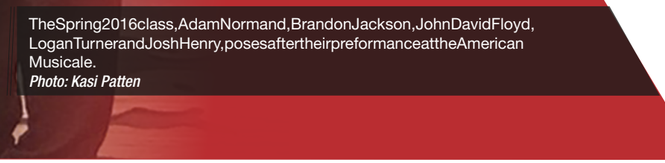
"Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavo"

NathanRothplaystrumpetduring ajazzpreformance.
*Photo: Kasi Patten*

TaylorArnouvilleandDylanGraves posaftertPieMuAlpha.
*Photo: Kasi Patten*

JohnDavidFloydandConn McCandlish
*Photo: Kasi Patten*

LoganSchwiderskileadthecymbal sectionduringmarchingseason.
*Photo: Valeria Perez*



TheSpring2016class,AdamNormand,BrandonJackson,JohnDavidFloyd, LoganTurnerandJoshHenry,posesaftertheirpreformanceattheAmerican Musicale.
*Photo: Kasi Patten*

Kappa Alpha Psi is a newly reformed fraternity that has been laying dormant for years. Reactivated by Dr. Marcus Jones, the fraternity was once a place he called home. "I was a Kappa, and I thought it was important for there to be additional representation in the NPHC groups and Kappa was missing," Dr. Jones commented. A total of six active members joined the resurfaced fraternity back in November of 2016. The spring of 2017 was their first official semester of being active. They are looking forward to possible new members that would join Kappa Alpha Psi in the future. Since the fraternity is just starting out they have not yet donated to any charities yet. They are, however, going to help out with the boys and girls club in Natchitoches and the parish school system in the future. The brothers will also be making trips to Shreveport to help with a food pantry stationed there. Some of the active members joined the organization for different reasons. Adrian Alfaro-Fontalvo, a Music Education/Business Administration major, joined the fraternity because of his mentor Dr. Marcus Jones. Adrian stated that, "When I came by myself from Columbia, I had some friends but I wanted to be a part of a brotherhood. When I got here I didn't have anybody so I was looking to join a brotherhood. Right now I am really happy because I know that this is not going to stop when I graduate. This is going to be for life." Camilo Simancas, a sophomore Business Administration major, believes that this brotherhood will help him achieve greatness in his major and in baseball. "Because I am a baseball player I want to be the best. I am a business major so I would like to be the best person doing whatever they are doing," said Simancas. "Since being a part of this fraternity and having them as my support system they have pushed me even further," noted Javon Guilbeaux, a junior Criminal Justice major. For their first big fundraiser they are débuting a water game called "Call of Duty". The game is spilt the pot with a watery twist that involves the whole campus. This game is to help people get to know each other better.

*Megan Palmer, Writer*

**Fraternity Founded:**
**January 5, 1911**

**Color:**
**Crimson and Cream**

**Chapter:**
**Theta Lambda**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**1975**

**Flower:**
**-**

**Famous Brother:**
**Mr. Rogers**

# ZETA PHI BETA

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**Photo: Photographer**

## *"Scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood"*

Zeta Phi Beta, a NPHC sorority, was in fact a black organization in its' beginning, but it now has women from different backgrounds and races. The sorority has two philanthropies, Storks Nest and Z-HOPE. The first philanthropy is a program that helps expecting mothers in need. This program works hand in hand with the March of Dimes foundation, and its aim is to help more women get early and regular prenatal care. Zeta Phi Beta embraced it as a national project in 1972. The Z-HOPE program is an acronym for Zetas Helping Other People Excel. This second program is about Zeta members helping around their communities by volunteering in the towns different programs. The Xi Epsilon chapter of ZΦB hosts a step show every year in the fall. They also have an Mr. Blue & White pageant that is held in the spring. In a more serious manner, they hold events to raise awareness for different things such as suicide awareness. Some of the things they like to do for fun are to hang out with each other in a comfortable place. Whitney Cromartie, president of the Zeta Phi Beta Xi Epsilon chapter, commented, "that is the most satisfying thing... to be able to hang out with each other and be ourselves."

**Megan Palmer, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**January 06, 1920**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**Spring 1920**

**Organization's Color:**
**Royal Blue & White**

**Organization's Flower:**
**White Rose**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Xi Epsilon**

**Organization's Symbol:**
**Dove**

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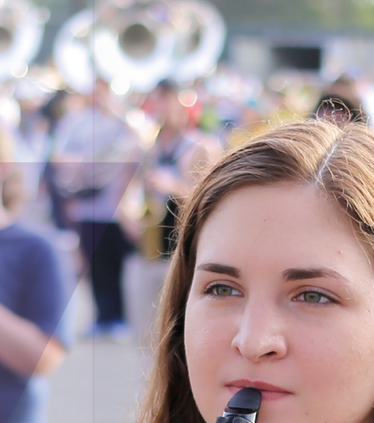
**SOMEBODY WRITE ME!**

**Kasi Patten, Writer**
**Large photo from Spirit of Northwestern Media Team**
**All other images submitted by Kasi Patten**





Though they come from different backgrounds there are three thing these four organizations have in common: fraternity, musicianship and the commitment to the betterment of music in socity.

# KAPPA ALPHA ORDER

AgroupofKAbornitwerspausefora photoatColorChaos.
**Photo: Kasi Patten**



BenBrandao,freshman,cheers on the KA homecoming float.
**Photo: Photographer**

SkylarDowns,freshman,and GarrettDrouant,freshman



ChandlerVascocu,freshman,forks ‘emasaGreekgodonthetopon the float.

LaneRobinson,AndrewHenahosahangoutwiththeirbrothersatthewhite outgame.
PHOTO:KaraleeScouten

**Fraternity Founded:**
**December 21, 1865**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**January 1, 1963**

**Organization’s Color:**
**Crimson & Old Gold**

**Organization’s Flower:**
**Crimson Rose and Magnolia Blossom**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Gamma Psi**

**Organization’s Symbol:**
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## “Dieu et les Dames”

Kappa Alpha supports the Muscular Dystrophy Association as their national philanthropy and the Gamma Psi chapter holds “Queso for a Cause” at El Nopal annually. In the fall of 2016, the chapter also collected pillows for abused women in New Orleans. Sophomore Matt Broekman says, “KA has given me friendships that will last a lifetime and memories that will stay with me forever! My experiences with KA my first year of college have impacted my life in ways I can’t explain. These guys are my family and I would do anything for them, and I know they would do anything for me!”

“Being president of KA at NSU is an extremely unique experience. Expectations for your term in office are set high from the beginning, and rightfully so. Being the leader of this chapter over the last year has been an honor, and I’m glad I made the decision four years ago to join such an incredible organization.” Hunter Curtis, President

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**

# KAPPA SIGMA

MembersofKappaSigmaFraternityposeinfrontofthecolumnsduringtheIFC BidDay.**Photo: Ashleigh Daniels**

CarlosPatron,senior,atthe Spring2016Preview. **Photo: Karalee Scouten**

FernandoGonzalezontheKappa SigmaHomecomingFloat **Photo: Stephanie Leger**

KodyPattersonandMartin Gould **Photo: Karalee Scouten**

JaredFisetteandJacobMurchisonat theKappaSigma50thAnniversary. **Photo: Karalee Scouten**

*"The Star and Crescent shall not be worn by every man, but only by him who is worthy to wear it."*

Kappa Sigma, founded in Charlottesville, Virginia under the Four Pillars of Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship and Service; is the largest college social fraternity in the world. The Theta Mu chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity holds fundraising events such as car washes and spaghetti plate dinners to raise money for certain charities, as well as supporting the Military Heroes Campaign.

"Kappa Sigma is family made of brothers who love and take care of one another," senior Carlos Patron said. "Being a member has helped me to have a better experience on campus, become a leader and meet life lasting friends."

"It's a brotherhood that I share with some of the most humble, hardworking and trustworthy group of guys that I will ever have the honor to meet," sophomore Martin Gould said. "Kappa Sigma will forever be a bond that I share not only with the men of the Theta Mu chapter, but also thousands of men around the world. Not for a day or an hour, or a college term only, but for life."

**Kierstin Richter, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**December 10, 1869**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**1966**

**Organization's Color:**
**Scarlet, hite, emerald green**

**Organization's Flower:**
**Lily of the Valley**

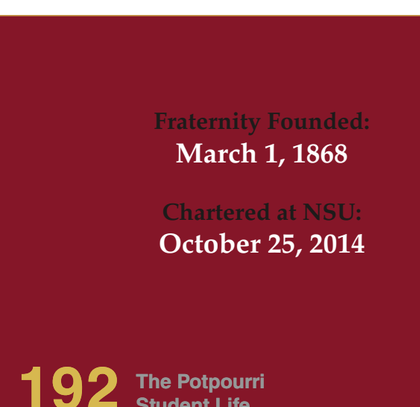
**Organization Chapter:**
**Theta Mu**

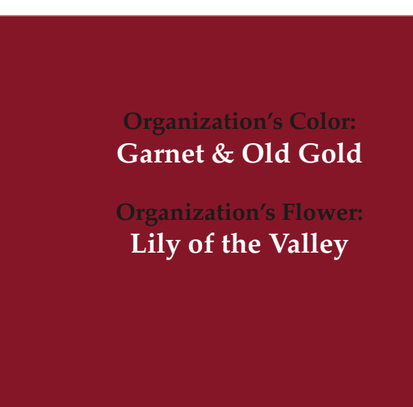
**Organization's Symbol:**
**Star and Crescent**

# PI KAPPA ALPHA

CaineWarfordtalkstofreshmenat FreshmanConnection **Photo: Kasi Patten**

MichaelPhelps,sophomore FreshmanConnector,leads studentsaround. **Photo: Kasi Patten**


ChrisSandersandDanielCrews, freshmen,ontheHomecoming float. **Photo: Karalee Scouten**



Fromlefttoright:FelixGalvan,junior,NathanAntee,junior,AlbertHewitt, junior,andAnthonyCannata,senior,poseforaphotoatGrillin'withthe Greeks. **Photo: Karalee Scouten**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**March 1, 1868**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**October 25, 2014**

**Organization's Color:**
**Garnet & Old Gold**

**Organization's Flower:**
**Lily of the Valley**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Mu Kappa**

**Organization's Symbol:**
**Shield, Diamond, & Oak Tree**

## "Once a PIKE, always a PIKE"

PIKE is the acronym for the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. This brotherhood of men from all different backgrounds. Anthony Cannata became the new president of PIKE in January of two thousand and sixteen. "Being the president of PIKE is a great experience. It is a little stressful at times, for sure, but it has definitely given me a lot of opportunity that I obviously would not have had I not taken it on. It has also given me a new respect and appreciation for PIKE. I also feel like my time in the fraternity has basically led up to this point and I am glad I am able to serve in this position and kind of be the person who has an overall vision for the organization and where it wants to go", Anthony Cannata commented when asked how was it becoming the president of PIKE. A big event that Pi Kappa Alpha is holding for the Fall semester is Pike for Tikes. They will be hosting a large Christmas toy drive for children in their home town of Natchitoches. The PIKEs are hoping for a huge Demon family turnout of donating toys. In conjunction with the Jaycees of Natchitoches, PIKE will give the donated toys to the Jaycees to add to their toy drive to the less fortunate children of Natchitoches. For the Spring semester, Pi Kappa Alpha will be hosting the Fireman's Challenge. The week long competition will be for philanthropy. Anthony Cannata, president of Pi Kappa Alpha, added, "it is a week to encourage people to come together and raise money for philanthropy."

**Megan Palmer, Writer**

# PI KAPPA PHI

ShawnChristopheandJosephMagnantalktostudentsatChillin'andGrillin'with theGreeks
**Photo: Photographer**

MantonCapersandShawn Christophefork'emonthehomecoming float **Photo: Karalee Scouten**

KyleLacksandDedrickLewisdanceduringthePi KappaPhidanceatLipSynce
**Photo: Rachel Neathamer**

WillBroussard,JacobGuidry,Noah BaudoinandTerranTurner
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

## *"Nothing shall ever tear us asunder"*

On December of 1904, three friends at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina formed a fraternity that would spread across the country in just over four years. According to the Pi Kappa Phi website, the fraternity has grown to a brotherhood of over 120,000 members nationally.

At NSU, the Beta Omicron chapter of Pi Kappa Phi has been active on campus since Feb. 2, 2000.

Current Pi Kappa Phi President of the Beta Omicron chapter, a junior history major, Thomas Malbrough is humbled by the opportunities Pi Kappa Phi has given him. had the opportunity to cycle across the United States thanks to Pi Kappa Phi.

"Seattle to DC (4,325 miles) raising funds and awareness for people with disabilities," Malbrough said. Traveling across the country to serve a greater good than himself has been his favorite part.

Pi Kappa Phi's national mission according to their website is to "create an uncommon and lifelong brotherhood that develops leaders and encourages service to others for the betterment of our communities." They also want members to embraces leadership roles, put service before themselves and improve the world around them.

Associate member Terrence Green, a freshman graphic and fine arts major says his favorite part is being so close to all of his brothers.

"Whenever I'm with those guys I feel at home and I know they'll always have my back," Green said. "I know that I can count on them to have a good ass time!"

**Jacob Farnsley, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**December 10, 1904**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**September 21, 1956**

**Organization's Color:**
**Gold & White**

**Organization's Flower:**
**Red Rose**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Beta Omicron**

**Organization's Symbol:**
**Bell, Star, & Lamp**

# SIGMA NU

EsdonBoyd,JacobHammons,JoeyJernigan,and TyWrightposeontheSigmaNuHomecomingFloat
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

PatrickCrawford,senior,helpsout onMoveInDay
**Photographer: Karalee Scouten**



JohnSullivanvisitswithhisbrothersat N-SideSpringPreviewDay
**Photo: Karalee Scouten**

From left to right: (Top row: Warren Mcfarlain, Ty Wright, Tyler O'Donoghue, MikeNorman,LucasMoncla,JacobDahlhoff,SkylorReece,Andrew Darbonne,TylerCorwin.Bottomrow:AlexStewart,RogerLuafalemana, GrantButts,GavinBazer**Photos by: Karalee Scouten**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**January 1, 1869**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**1997**

**Organization's Color:**
**Black, White, & Gold**

**Organization's Flower:**
**White Rose**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Mu Rho**

**Organization's Symbol:**
**Serpent**

## "Love, Honor, Truth"

Although Sigma Nu is one of the newer fraternities on campus, they play a vital role in campus life. Members of Sigma Nu can often be found participating in community service and philanthropy events. In the past year alone, they have hosted canned food drives that filled 10-16 gallon bins and shoe drives in which they received over 2500 pairs of shoes to send to people in need. After the flooding in South Louisiana, the Mu Rho chapter raised over 6,000 dollars for flood relief and sent two truckloads full of supplies and food down south.

Last April, Sigma Nu paired up with Phi Mu to host an annual color run, raising over 3.500 dollars for their philanthropy, St Jude's as well as Children's Miracle Network Hospital, Phi Mu's philanthropy.

John Sullivan, senior, says that Sigma Nu has taught him selflessness and generosity. "I have learned that a fraternity is not all about the social scene" says Sullivan. "It's about offering our services through brotherhood to help those in need. To me, Sigma Nu means an everlasting brotherhood that helps to better not only our brothers, but also people in our local area, and around the world."

**Holly Jenkins, Writer**

# TAU KAPPA EPSILON

TauKappaEplisonactiveandalumnimembersgatherataDemonfootballtailgate
**Photo: Submitted by Lajarious Jones**

MembersofTKEpeformatthe homecominglipsync.
**Photo: Rachel Neathamer**

TKEsandfriendsvolunteeringatthe NatchitochesAnimalShelteraa.
**Photo: Submitted by Lajarious Jones**

## *"Better Men for a Better World"*

Established on Northwestern's campus in the 1950s, the Epsilon Upsilon chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, has a rich history and many alumni from NSU.

The TKE chapter at NSU is very diverse and welcomes young men from all walks of life. Their motto, "Better Men for a Better World," motivates them to participate in many service and philanthropy events. The past two semesters they volunteered at the Natchitoches Animal Shelter, and several of their members adopted pets from the shelter.

The brothers of Epsilon Upsilon support each other in many different ways. For example, this year they plan to raise money to help a member who's sister has been diagnosed with cancer with medical costs.

The TKE's can be found each year at the Natchitoches Christmas festival, where they operate a booth selling food and other refreshments to festival goers. This is an important fundraiser that chapter holds each year.

**Ashleigh Daniels, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**January 10, 1899**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**May 4, 1957**

**Organization's Color:**
**Cherry & Gray**

**Organization's Flower:**
**Red Carnation**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Epsilon Upsilon**

**Organization's Symbol:**
**Equilateral Triangle**

# THETA CHI

MembersCaseyAirLuis,JaimeBallizaandBrandon Melançonrecruitat FreshmanConnection
**Photo: Kasi Patten**

MembersfromtheSpring2017 chapterposeforagroupshot afterapledge-in
**Submitted Photo**

MembersfromtheFall2016semestertaketheirgroupphotoonthe FriedmanStudentUnionbridge.LefttoRight:LuisJuneau,AdamBarnes, TaylorBourgeois,BrandonMelançon,ShawnStaufferandJaimeBalliza
**Photo: Kasi Patten**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**April 10, 1856**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**October 13, 1973**

**Organization's Color:**
**Military Red & White**

**Organization's Flower:**
**Red Carnation**

**Organization Chapter:**
**Eta Omicron**

**Organization's Symbol:**
**Rattlesnake**

## *"An assisting hand"*

Like many of the fraternities on campus, the Eta Omicron chapter of Theta Chi fraternity contributes to the diversity of Greek life at Northwestern. It is the oldest chapter in Louisiana, and has played a vital role in establishing other chapters in the state. The chapter recently acquired the former Sigma Sigma Sigma house on Greek Hill and are currently in the process of remodeling the house for future generations of NSU Theta Chi brothers.

Their motto, "An assisting hand," is at the core of their values, and guides their events and philanthropic ventures. The national branch of Theta Chi adopted the United Service Organization in 2013, which helps support military service members and their families.

In the late fall of 2016, the chapter was re-organized with the addition of fourteen new members.

**Ashleigh Daniels, Writer**

# National Interfraternity Music Council

***Music fraternities and sororities provide students with unique opportunities for brotherhood and sisterhood, as well as a chance to bond over something they all love: music.***

The National Interfraternity Music Council is formed by seven different music-based organizations. Northwestern State University is home to four of these seven: Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. Together, they work to enrich the lives of students and the School of Creative and Preforming Arts.

Unlike the other NSU Greek governing bodies, The NIMC does not make rules or regulations that affect these organizations. Rather, the NIMC hosts an anual meeting of the organizations to form formal agreements such as rules on membership and promoting dimpolicy amongst the organizations.

One benefit of their indepdence is that members of one of the four NIMC organizations on campus can also be members of the other Greek organizations. For example, one can be a brother of Theta Chi and also Phi Mu Alpha.

Northwestern State University alumni and former Theta Chi President, Jamarius Williams, is what is called a "double brother."

"They're both really different, yet really similar," Williams said. "They are both Greek organizations, so they work about the same. However, Phi Mu Alpha is dedicated to service, music and brotherhood whereas Theta Chi is specifically service and brotherhood."

Members of one NIMC organization can also be members of another. For example, you can be a sister of Tau Beta Sigma and Sigma Alpha Iota. The same applies with Kappa Kappa Psi and Phi Mu Alpha.

Music fraternities and sororities offer members a chance to celebrate brotherhood and sisterhood while bonding over common a love for music. The Northwestern community and Creative and Performing Arts department wouldn't be the same without the diversity and support of their members.

**Kasi Patten, Writer**
**Dominant image submitted Spirit of Northwestern Media Team**
**All other images submitted by Kasi Patten**

Though they come from different backgrounds, there are three thing these four organizations have in common: fraternity, musicianship and the commitment to the betterment of music in socity. Left poto: Nathan Roth and Hannah Morris are playing trumpet. Middle photo: Amber Bishop and Sierra Green. Right photo: Nick Swank and Adam Normand.

# KAPPA KAPPA PSI

Nick Swank, Lus Serafin, Tevin Harris, Sierra Green come together to sing the KappaKappaPsihymnaftertheClassicontheCanemarchingcontest.
**Photo: Kasi Patten**

MembersofKappaKappaPsi afterafootballgame.

AustinBeene,throwshisforkoverhis headattheendoftheshow.
**Photo: Alec Horton**

IanCassidyduringasolo withtheJazzOrchestra.
**Photo: Kasi Patten**

Freshman, Izzy Melhado, spins her flag withtheDemonHeatColorguard.
**Photo: Alec Horton**

## *"Strive for the Highest"*

The Theta Nu chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity has served Northwestern State University and the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band since 1986. The 2016 school year marked a thirty-year celebration of brotherhood and service for Theta Nu.

Kappa Kappa Psi, a service fraternity by definition, focuses their philanthropy efforts in supporting the Spirit of Northwestern with basic necessities. Part of their service includes, feeding the band before football games and providing refreshments during the games.

For those interested in membership, one must be a member of the Spirit of Northwestern and have a passion for brotherhood, service and music.

**Kasi Patten, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**November 27, 1919**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**November 21, 1986**

**Color:**
**Blue & White**

**Flower:**
**Red Carnation**

**Chapter:**
**Theta Nu**

**Famous Brother:**
**Niel Armstrong**

# PHI MU ALPHA

TheSpring2016class,AdamNormand,BrandonJackson,JohnDavidFloyd, LoganTurnerandJoshHenry,posesaftertheirpreformanceattheAmerican Musicale.
**Photo: Kasi Patten**

NathanRothplaystrumpetduring ajazzpreformance.
**Photo: Kasi Patten**

TaylorArnouvilleandDylanGraves posesafterPieMuAlpha.
**Photo: Kasi Patten**

JohnDavidFloydandConn McCandlish
**Photo: Kasi Patten**



LoganSchwiderskileadthecymbal sectionduringmarchingseason.
**Photo: Valeria Perez**

## *"Among Men Harmony"*

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the oldest music fraternity in the United States, has a rich background of musicianship, philanthropy and empowerment. Through their belief of the 'musicianly man' and the 'manly musician', they inspire men across the globe to uphold the highest standards of music and to work for the betterment of mankind.

Northwestern State University is home to the Gamma Rho chapter of PMA. Gamma Rho, the oldest active chapter in Louisiana, turns 75 years old in the Spring of 2017. The chapter was chartered 24 May 1942.

Throughout their time at NSU, they have hosted countless performances, fundraisers and events, such as Valentine's serenades and Christmas caroling with Sigma Alpha Iota. Students seeking membership do not have to be music majors, just have a passion for music and the betterment of music in society.

**Kasi Patten, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**October 6, 1898**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**May 24, 1942**

**Color:**
**Red, Black, & Gold**

**Flower:**
**Chrysanthemum**

**Chapter:**
**Gamma Rho**

**Famous Brother:**
**Mr. Rogers**

# SIGMA ALPHA IOTA

Agroupofsisterstakeaquicksnapinthesnowafterattendinganalumnaesister weddinginMcKinny,Texas.
**Photo: Kasi Patten**

LaurenSchexsnyderplays claritnetduringbandcamp.
**Photo: Stephanie Leger**

KasiPattenandMarylLummusposing aphotobeforeafootballgame.
**Photo: Racheal Gaude**

EricaAndersongraduated withadegreeinsocialwork.
**Photo: Kasi Patten**



DaniellaMartinezpracticeshermusic inCAPA.
**Photo: Stephanie Leger**

## *"Vita brevis, ars longa"*

Sigma Alpha Iota Fraternity, the oldest women's music fraternal organization, plays a roll in the music community across the nation. With philanthropic projects such as Pan's Cottage, a getaway for artist of all media to rediscover their muse, SAI is driven by a passion for cultivating creativity.

The Beta Iota chapter at Northwestern State University has refined musicianship in womanhood since May 15, 1950. Sisters routinely participate in activities such as ushering university concerts, assisting with post-performance receptions and hosting sister-led musicales.

For women interested in joining SAI, one must have completed one semester of college, as well as a credit in music.

**Kasi Patten, Writer**

**Fraternity Founded:**
**June 12th, 1903**

**Chartered at NSU:**
**May 15, 1950**

**Color:**
**Red and White**

**Flower:**
**Red Rose**

**Chapter:**
**Beta Iota**

**Famous Sister:**
**Dolly Parton**

# TAU BETA SIGMA

Sisters and also members of the Demon Heat color guard before their first preformanceofthewinterguardseason.
**Photo: Submitted by Kathrine Speicher**

MichealaBlackshearwithher family.
**Photo:Submitted by Alyssa Lloid**

TBSdonatesspiritsocksstolocalschool.
**Photo: Submitted by Alyssa Lloid**




HopeSpaw&TaylorBurchareexcited toplaywiththeSpritofNorthwestern.
**Photo: Stephanie Leger**

## "Tau Beta Sigma for Greater Bands"

Tau Beta Sigma is a co-ed, service sorority founded on the basis of serving bands across the nation. Like their bother organization, Kappa Kappa Psi, they assist in tending to the needs of the bands where their chapter is located.

Northwestern State University is home to the Eta Pi chapter of TBS. Eta Pi has been the helping hands of the Spirit of Northwestern since the chapter was chartered in 1987. For over thirty years, they have ensured every member of the ensemble is fitted for every piece of their iconic purple and white uniform. From the plume of the hat all the way down to the spirit socks, sisters of TBS work year-round to see that every member has everything they need.

Students seeking membership must be members of the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and have a passion for service and sisterhood.

**Kasi Patten, Writer**

**Sorority Founded:**
March 26, 1946

**Chartered at NSU:**
February 8th, 1987

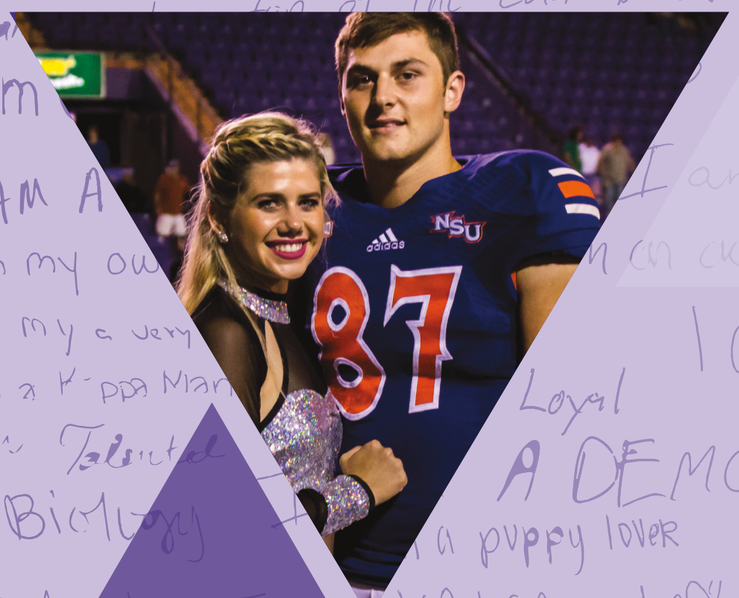
**Color:**
White & Blue

**Flower:**
Long-stemmed Red Rose

**Chapter:**
Eta Pi

**Famous Sister:**
Queen Latifah

# I am INVOLVED



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The Ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi. Photo: Kasi Patten

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## LiftedVoices

**FRONT:** Miracle Mays (2nd Vice President), Jade Gaines (Treasurer), Ashley Smith (Vice President), Forrest Middlebrook, Jr. (President), Brittany French (Chaplain), Kylan Poullard (Secretary), Shania Dauterive (Parliamentarian). **SECOND:**PatriciaStafford,NoelHolmes,JakalynHills, MykeishaPage,TaylorDavis,AlexisTaylor.**BACK:** George Spivey (Choir Director), Emaia Faulkner, Jaynecia Smith, Sharissa Tanner, Shakayla Bell,DeKameronCampbell,JevannicaWilliams.Photo:StephanieLeger

## NAACP

**FRONT:** DestinySimon,BreighNesbitt,DariusBrock,NolanLowe,OntrezShyne,DontaviusChambers,RandiSheppard,LydiaDoucet.
**MIDDLE:** IeshaThomas,AlexisMusgrove,AshleyRico,KorynthiaJohnson,AmyrisAnderson,DestiniSweet,MalcolmCooper.
**BACK:** BrianLenox,JordanAvery,ElijahDelcambre,JayneciaSmith,AngelaThomas,TeiaJones.Photo:KasiPatten

## NAFME

**FRONT:** Tiffany Johnson (Member-at-Large), Samantha Morris (Treasurer), Alexandria Furtney (Secretary), Arianna Parrish (VP), Lauren Schexnayder (President). **BACK:**MeghanTaylor,LauraLovell,JonathanFriis,BereniceBretado,RebekahClark.Photo:StevenSheerin



## NSUDodgeball

**FRONT:** Josh Joe, Davina McClain (Advisor), Jade Beuerle, Candice Smith (Vice President), Katie Rayburn (President), Alexis Hartley, Olivia Sadler.**BACK:** Jonathon Villareal, Drew Fontenot, Casey Alfultis- Captain, Jaime Balleza, Jackson Allen (Captain), Casey Jones, Ben Avery (Captain). Photo: Rachel Neathamer

## OrderofOmega

**FRONT:**AbbyHinds,RyanDegruy,MarvaeyaEdwards,AnthonyCannata,JessieGabor,KatieAdams,TristianBridges,LorenRyland.**BACK:** EmilieKing,JohnPearce,LeighannWestfall,BrandonMelancon,TJGorham.Photo:RachelNeathamer

## PhiMu

TheLadiesofPhiMuFraternityposeforagroupphotoaftertheirBig/Littlereveal.Photo:StevenSheerin

## Pi Kappa Phi

**FRONT:** ChristianFrost,WilfredBroussard,TerrenceGreen,KyleLacks,TerranTurner,MichaelAlley,**SECOND:**ScottyDavis,DedrickLewis, JordanWild,MichaelDailey,DavidJohnson.**BACK:**MantonCapers,WilliamWelch,ShawnChristophe,TravisPope,NoahBaudoin,Jacob Townsend,JosephMagnan.Photo:KasiPatten

## PIKE

**FRONT:**DarenDauzet,DanielCrews,MichaelPhelps,FelixGalvan,JacobHorton,JorgeCardenas,EzraBess,TreyKolb,ChrisSanders, ChrisWebb,AnthonyCannata.**SECOND:**HunterHorton,AngeloHurtado,JacobEllis,AdamFowlkes,SeanByone,TreyRoberts,Tyler Henry,CharlesMcClintock,JoeBradley,JacobDavid,JohnPearce.**BACK:**BrandonBedford,DyllanMoore,AaronSavell,ClayTroutman, AlbertHewitt,WordLindsey,TreEvans,CarlosSykes,CaineWarford,KenanCarroll,RyanWright.Photo:RachelNeathamer

## Potpourri

**FRONT:** Daniel Thiels (advisor), Megan Palmer, Rachel Neathamer, Holly Jenkins, Josie Coutee, Ashley Whistoff, Kasi Patten. **BACK:**Ashleigh Daniels,DustinCormier,StephanieLeger,KierstinRichter,JessicaGabor.Photo:KasiPatten



## Psi Chi

**FRONT:** Ariel Landry (Co-President & Treasurer), Xandria Petty, Snow Buckley, Cadence Starr, Maria Rome, Caitlin Bruce, Rachel Lavergne, Jasmine Dilworth, Neeru Deep (Advisor). **SECOND:** PhillipClark,AngelLewis,RobinScott.**BACK:** BrittanyJackson,TiffaniWilliams,Daeshawn Lyles.Photo:RachelNeathamer

## Purple Jackets

**FRONT:**HunterMartin,ShaeMontgomery,ShelbyGlynn,EmilieKing,SarahGandy,MercedesWiles,TatyannaKinsey,LeighannWestfall. **SECOND:**AngelGreer,AbbyHinds,MariaRome,JesseGabor,KylanPoullard,GarielleDupree,MarissaOster.**BACK:**JessicaRousset, LindsayLee,JadeGaines.Photo:RachelNeathamer

## NSU Demon Quidditch

**FRONT:** MaggieHarris,CandiceSmith,AngelaNolen,KatelynMarchand,JuliannaCarmouche,RebeccaMarchand,RhiannonVenable **SECOND:**JulieBreaux,IlyannaWarren,TaylorParro,CodyLacaze,LaurenGuillot,KatieRayburn,MadysonIstre,KatElaine,DallasGuidry, Brooke Griffiths **BACK:**KeelyMacloud,AnthonyManuel,JaimeBalleza,KennyDo,JoshJoe.Photo:StephanieLeger

## NSU Rowing Team

**FRONT:** Michael Mafnas, Shelby Riedel, Patricia Reed, Brittany Woodel, Jennifer Simmons, Gabrielle Stevens, Daidron Jason, Kayla Ashford, Zoie Gillespie, & Cameron Davis. **SECOND:** Glory Deaton, Ashleigh Daniels, McKenna Opbroek, Melissa Pesacreta, Madeline Procell, Mary Rochon, Rachel Griffith, Jose Juarez, Jaliah Reed, Sydney Gillespie, & Robert Devoid. **BACK:** Derek Donald (Rowing Intern), Jason Stelly (Head Coach), Jon Labour, Xavier Smith, Chance Creppel, Michaela Davis, Meghan Bearb, Chaddrick Thomas, Gerado Rodrigues, Kenny Do, Cameron Jones, Eddie Garner, Tracy West, Javis Garner, Blake Blanchard, Stewart Sloan, Susan Bernath (Assistant Coach), & Casey Long. Photo: Rachel Neathamer

## SAB

FRONT: Angel Greer (Secretary), Lakyn Ward (Treasurer), Alexie White (Executive Rep), Bralyn James (President), Le'Kayla Smith (Vice President), Olivia Guidry (Special Events Coordinator), Emily Sitarz (Public Relations and Advertising). SECOND: Michelle "Mimi" Feaster, Kierra Doucet, Taylor Holloway, Jhalon Thomas, Anthony Cannata, Elizabeth Perez, Amber Holmes, Angie Nguyen, Kaili Williams, Jaylon Lewis, Samantha Richard. THIRD: Joshua Perkins, Siera Sutton, Amyris Anderson (Rep at Large), Lydia Doucet, Sierra Seemion, Cylandria Clemons, Kennedy Cullen, Dedrick Lewis, Yonna Pasch (Advisor). BACK: Kayla Rockett, Brittany French, Albert Hewitt, Victor Lopez, Adam Fowelkes. Photo: Rachel Neathamer

## ΣΑΙ

**FRONT:** Hannah Morris, President, Allison Freeman, Treasurer, Lauren Schexsnyder, Syroi Webb Corresponding Secretary, Snow Buckley Sergeant-at-Arms. **SECOND:** Kasi Patten, Alanna Hailey Editor, Taylor Scarber Vice President of Ritual, Alyssa Lloyd, Trena Camp, Jackie Coleman Recording Secretary. **BACK:** Stephanie Leger, Amber Bishop, Kaylee Weakley, Erica Anderson. Photo: Kasi Patten



## SGA

**FRONT:** Antavious Roberson (Commissioner of Student Affairs), Ty Wright (Commissioner of Academic Affairs), Aly Jacobs (Treasurer), John Pearce (President), Otha "Tre" Nelson (Vice President), Htet Htet Rodgers (Speaker of the Senate), Jasmine Roberts (Commissioner of External Affairs) and Trey Roberts (Secretary). **Photo: Steven Sheerin**

## Sigma Sigma Sigma

The ladies of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.

## Social Work Club

**FRONT:** Cierra Bonvillian (Secretary), Alanna Fox (Historian), Tyra Cooper (PR), Shevonte Lewis (President), Kaylan Rosette, Whitney Brock (Member-at-Large), Joycelyn McConnell (Treasurer), Jasmine McConnell (Community Service Head), Odie Trusty (VP). **SECOND:** Alexis Jackson, Miyoka Landor, Kiana Godfrey, Angel Greer, Special Crawford, Bianca Baise, Shauntavia Green, Amani Rice, Moesha Smith. **BACK:** Braxton Brown, Malik Metoyer, Phillip Clark, Tiffani Williams (Paralamentarium), Jaynecia Smith, Jasmine Poe, Kayla Rockett, Kierra Doucet. Photo: Steven Sheerin

## SpeechandDebate

**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Ryan Ware (President), Drew Chesher (Vice President), Brandon Granger (Treasurer), Matthew Craig, Kelsey Jordan, Ebony Pugh, Davina McClain (Advisor). Photo: Rachel Neathamer

## ZetaPhiBeta

**FRONT:** Latrice Smith, Ehris Faulkner (Financial Secretary), Shevonte Lewis (Parlamentarian), Crystal Murphy (Treasurer). **BACK:**Essie Winzer, Mariah Hester, Whitney Cromartie (President), Sha'Destiny Blackshire, Angel Greer (VP). Photo: Steven Sheerin

## TauKappaEpsilon

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## VetTech

**FRONT:** BeyoncaDickens,KatieWoodard,ShannonSmith,TylerCummings,BethanyCoston,JadaDudley.**BACK:**AnnaWright,KaitlynHines, CandaceThompson,KaitlynRose,ShelleyPerkins,AndreaCoon,HaleighAveritt.Photo:StevenSheerin

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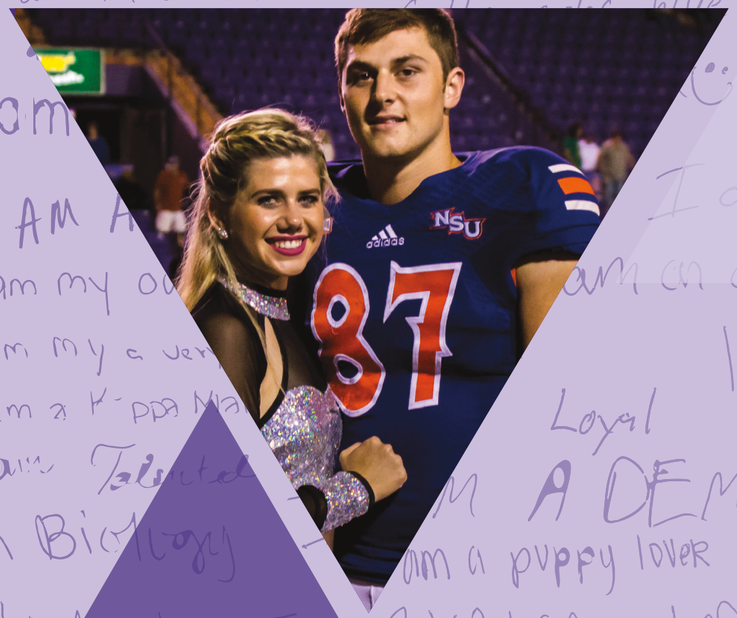

## Vet Tech

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## Zeta Phi Beta

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Paul Christopher

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Frances Conine
Katie Coody
Jason Cooper
Shayne Creppel

Corbin Covher
D'Nissa Hester
Matt DeFord
John Dollar
Susan Dollar

Barbara Duchardt
Elaine Eaton  Dorian
Chris Eding
Becky Farmer
Christine Ferrell

John Foster
Paula Furr
Kimberly Gallow
Christopher Gilson
Ben Gleason
Greg Granger

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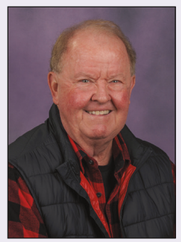

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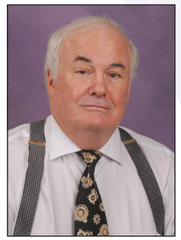

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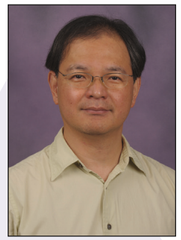

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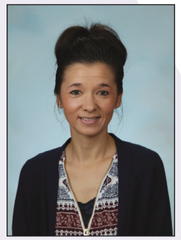

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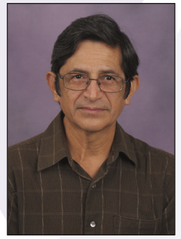

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Robert Turner
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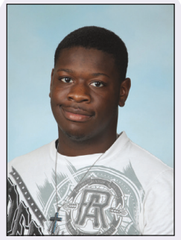
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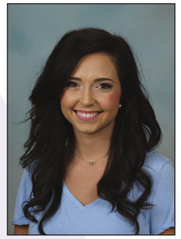

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Kadeem Bailey
Nick Bailey

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James Bankston
Andrew Barbonne
Andrew Barkley
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Justin Barnes
Adam Barnes
Krashanta Barrett
Melvin Bates
Robyn Batty

Noah Baudoin
Haley Beason
April Beck
Miranda Beck-Bird
Brandon Bedford

Shayna Benitez
Kaylon Benjamin
Destin Bennett
Jacob Bennett
Emily Benoit

Jaylon Berry
Thea Berry
Lauren Biehler
Marcel Bilbo
Sha'Destiny Blackshire

Libby Blair
Kevin Blake
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Autumn Blanchard
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Andrew Bluiett
Kelsey Bolden
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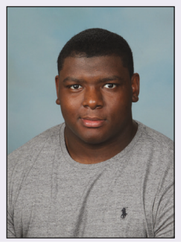

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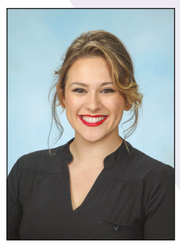

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Brandon Chele
Michael Chelette

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Jasmine Chew
Jaime Cicneros
Tartiana Citizen
Hailey Clark

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## DEMON SPOTLIGHT: Gabrielle D'Antoni

Question one: What is your favorite thing about NSU?
Answer: My favorite thing about NSU is homecoming week. There are so many fun events that go on, especially LipSync. Also, there's lots of opportunities to win free t-shirts! (and everyone likes those)

Question two: If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go and why?
Answer: Italy! My great-great grandparents are from Sicily and I would love to see their birthplace.

Larionnne Clark
Phillip Clark
Richard Clark
Savannah Clark
Cylandria Clemons

Shelby Clinton
Darlene Cody
Adrianna Coffman
Janet Cogburn
Cam Coleman

Kynlee Coleman
Jermaine Collier
Briyonna Collins
Grayson Conly
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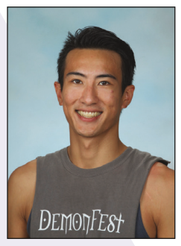

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Trenton Downs

Dr. Potter Denita
Jackson Driggers
Kiara Drumgo
Kayla Dubois
Kelcey Dubois

Jada Dudley
LaShundra Duncan-Williams
Jordan Durio
Elijah Durr
Elizabeth Durr

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Jasmine Ealy
Crystal Easter
Brandon Eberts
Marvaeya Edwards
Rachel Edwards

Kyle Elliot
Jacob Ellis
Maycy English
Trinity English
Jennifer Enloe

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Sean Erwin
Taylor Eschete
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Tajalai Evans
Brogan Fairchild

Virginia Falgoust
Jacob Farnsley
Brittany Farris
Cecily Feliciano
James Fillingame

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Julia Focht
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Adam Fowlkes
Allanna Fox
Ryland Francis

Empty Franklin
Jamie French
Brooklyn Frerks
Kyrsten Freyou
Allison Friday

Jonathan Friis
Kaitlyn Frisbie
Madison Fry
Fuller Mattox Carson
Christine Fuller

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Christopher Fuller
Alexandra Furtney
Jessie Gabor
Jade Gaines
Sarah Gandy

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Brittany Garcie
Domonique Gardner
Melissa Gasho
Hannah Gaubert

Rachal Gaude
Erin Gentry
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Cassidy Giddens
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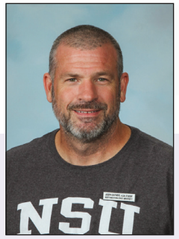

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Hannah Hennigan
Jamal Herrell
John Hester

Claire Heun
Albert Hewitt
Jacob Hicks
Kathleen Hilliard
Abby Hinds

## DEMON SPOTLIGHT: Brandon Hillard

Question one: What is your favorite song at the moment?
Answer: Felix Culpa by Kings Kaleidoscope

Question two: What do you want to do after graduation?
Answer: Find a job North of Louisiana; Possibly Tennessee or North Carolina. I would like to be closer to home rather than 13 hours away like I am now.

Brandon Hillard
Andrew Hinojosa
Braxton Hogan
Taylor Holloway
Kyrstin Holmes

Noel Holmes
Asia Honeysuckle
Maya Hooks
Morgan Horn
Hunter Horton

Morgan Hudson
Alexis Humphries
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Angelo Hurtadi

## I-J

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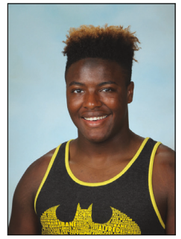

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Xavier Johnson
Lakeshia Johnson
Tiffany Johnson
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Carla Jones
Isabella Jones
Jacquelyn Jones

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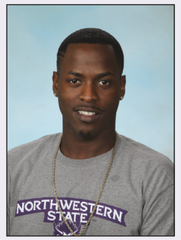
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Rachel Lavergne

Kirstin Lavigne

Anitria Lawrence

Jordan Lawrence

Jeremy Lawson

Shelby Leath

Mikayla Lehane

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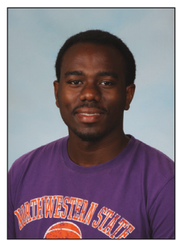
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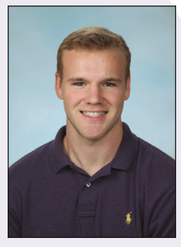
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## DEMON SPOTLIGHT: Unai Neketan

Question one: What is your favorite movie and why?
Answer: Troy is my favorite movie because I always liked Greek history and Achilles is my favorite history character. When I watched the movie as a kid It became my favorite movie.

Question two: What is your major an why did you choose it?
Answer: I am a biology major. I became biology major because in my future I want to help people and be able to save lives.

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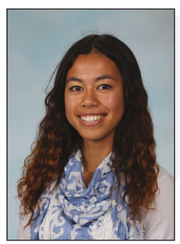

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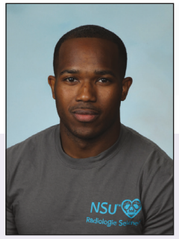

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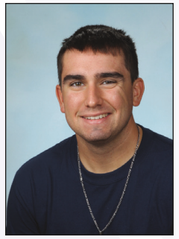

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Jennifer Thibodeaux

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Amber Thomas

Charles Thomas

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Shaterica Thomas

Shawanna Thomas

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## DEMON SPOTLIGHT: Kayla Telano

Question one: What is your major, and what do you plan to do with your degree?

Answer:  My major is biology, and I plan to purse a career as a Physician Assistant.

Question two: What is one fun fact about yourself?
Answer: I have been the Baptist Collegiate Ministry president for two years!

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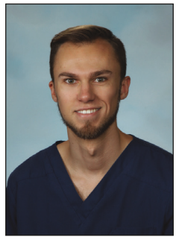

## Y-Z

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# We are

We are young. We are millenials. We are unique individuals with a drive for learning. We are strong. We are a generation of Demons with the power to change the future. We are proud to be a  part of a tradition of excellence that is over one hundred years old. We are diverse; we come from different backgrounds and have different ideas. We are innovative. We strive to make our world better for those who are coming after us. We are graduates. We are students. We are determined. We are

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As I sit here at 4 a.m., ready to submit this 278 page love letter to my fellow Demons, I can't help but feel overwhelmed and so proud. Anyone who has ever been the Editor-In-Chief of a yearbook will tell you that this is not the easiest job on the planet.

How can we explain to you the hours we spent slaving over the tiniest details to make sure you, the student population, get the book you deserve? How do we count the hours spent writing stories, taking and editing photos, laying out pages and combing through them for mistakes? We simply can't. In many instances, being a part of something like this is similar to Greek life. From the outside looking in you can't understand it; from the inside looking out you can't explain it.

The theme of the Potpourri this year was "I am a Demon. We are NSU." We wanted to bring you a book that was personal, that represented our diverse population and that reminded us that no matter where we come from, at the end of the day we are all Northwestern Demons. We have worked tirelessly to create this book, and I hope that you love and enjoy it as much as we have creating it.

I have been fortunate to be very involved on campus in my time here at NSU, and I would like to thank everyone who helped get me to this point. I would like to thank my friends, my family and my cat for supporting me and for suffering with me through the tears, late nights and pressure of deadlines. I would like to thank my husband, Benjamin Lee Wright, for cheering me up and inspiring me daily. Thank you to my Phi Mu sisters for believing in me and for breaking me out of my introverted shell during my sophomore year. Last, but never least, I would like to thank the Lord for blessing me with this opportunity, and for guiding me when I felt like I was as lost as a goose in a hail storm. His presence in my life has made me who I am, and I would never have been able to do this without the many answered prayers and moments of peace He provided.

To Dustin: I know that you were thrown into this, and I know that you had to sacrifice basically your whole life for this book, but I am so glad that you did. Looking back, I don't know how I could have done this without you. Thank you for pouring your heart into this book, and for helping me create something even better than I initially imagined. You have done a wonderful job, and I hope you are as proud of this book as I am of you. Keep in touch after you score a lead designer position at a big-city magazine company!

To Rachel & Kasi: Thank you for stepping up. Thank you for staying in the office with us, even when you didn't have to. Thank you for volunteering for every photo assignment and every "grunt" task, and for making my job as the editor so much easier. All yearbook staffs need people like you, and I'm so blessed that you both were on mine.

To Daniel: I  don't even know what to say. You are a great advisor, but I'm glad that I can also call you my friend. Thank you for all the sacrificed time, Domino's pizzas and endless dad jokes. I don't know how NSU Student Media  will find a coordinator as awesome as you. I'm so thankful for all that you did for this yearbook, my staff and for me.

I am so grateful to have had this opportunity to serve my peers and my school by helping record this academic year. Serving as the Editor In Chief of the Potpourri has been the most challenging and rewarding experience of my life. I would not trade any of this for the world, and I will cherish the memories in this book always.

Forever a Demon,

Ashleigh Dames

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## Associate Editor

Being associate editor has been a challenging, but rewarding experience. This year has brought me great experiences and even greater friends.

**- Holly Jenkins**

## Freshman Scholar

Being the Freshman Scholar was a huge experience for me! I am a very shy person, so it has helped me escape my turtle shell to talk to different people.

**- Megan Palmer**

## Lead Designer

I am really greatful to have had the opportunity to design for the Potpourri! I hope everyone likes the book's design and content as much as I enjoyed creating it. Fork'em Demons!

**- Dustin Cormier**

## Assistant Designer

It was an awesome expierence working for the Potpourri this year, and I'm glad that not only could I take photos of all the events but I also helped design the book!

**- Rachel Neathamer**

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